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XIXTH ARMY LAUNCH VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE.

Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek Proceeding to the Front.



General Chiang Kai-Shek, re-appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces, who is leaving for the war zone shortly.

CHINESE TEAR UP RAILWAY.

GENERAL ENGAGEMENT FEARED IMMINENT.

JAPANESE ORDERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Mar. 8, 10.30 a.m.

THREATENING A RENEWAL OF MILITARY OPERATIONS ON A LARGE SCALE OVER THE ENTIRE AREA ADJACENT TO SHANGHAI, THE NINETEENTH ARMY LAUNCHED A VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE JAPANESE OUTPOSTS IN FRONT OF THE EXTREME RIGHT OF THEIR LINE YESTERDAY MORNING.

At the moment, the engagement is more or less confined to the northern Liuhao sector, near Sekiang, but fresh Chinese troops are pouring into the lines from Soochow, and there is every reason to fear that the hostilities will develop into a battle along the whole line shortly.

Reuter announces from Nanking that General Chiang Kai-shek, who has been re-appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, Navy and Air Force, is leaving shortly for the military headquarters at Kunshan, roughly halfway between Shanghai and Soochow.

That fighting is proceeding in the Liuhao sector is admitted by the Japanese High Command, which has issued an official statement, announcing that detachments of the XIXth Route Army launched a vigorous attack on the Japanese positions at ten o'clock yesterday morning.

DEFENSIVE ACTION.

The statement adds that orders have been issued by General Shirakawa, the commander-in-chief of the Eleventh Division, that the Japanese force holding the positions now being attacked are to confine their operations solely to repulsing the attack and are to avoid any offensive movement.

Nevertheless, a grave fear is expressed by foreign military circles that the additional Chinese troops which have been drafted into the area, will shortly be drawn into the action and that the engagement will become general.

TROOPS POURING IN.

One of the reasons for this belief is that several fresh Divisions of the Chinese Army which arrived from Soochow previous to the attack, have been ordered to the Liuhao sector, the scene of the fighting.

Furthermore, the Japanese Fourteenth Division, consisting of about 14,000 men, disembarked in this area. Converted transports, conveyed by warcraft, have been unloading soldiers and munitions at the new Zicheng base near Liuhao for the past three days.

ANOTHER HINT.

Another hint of impending hostilities is contained in the withdrawal of the staff of the Shanghai South Station shortly before ten o'clock last night.

The staff left for Sungkiang, some twenty miles from Shanghai on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, taking the telephone and telegraph apparatus, which they dismantled, and all rolling stock.

LINE TORN UP.

Five hundred soldiers of an Independent Brigade of the Chiang Kai-shek 88th Division, stationed at Hsiangchang, having waited for the last train to pass, at once tore up a considerable section of the line.

The rumours of an impending Japanese landing at Nantao, where the South Station is situated, is still current without any evidence in confirmation.

PEACE BREAKDOWN.

Shanghai, however, is chiefly interested in the developments along the Kading-Liuhao front, where fighting seems inevitable. The Chinese forces are gathering strength, the complete failure of every attempt to secure agreed terms for an armistice, the blank refusal of the Chinese to submit to the more stiff of the Japanese demands, seem to foreshadow a resumption of hostilities on a big scale.

The fighting at Liuhao is still proceeding according to latest reports and in the event of a Chinese defeat, it is indicated, that fresh troops will be rushed up to the Liuhao sector.

NANKING PLANS.

Shanghai, Mar. 8. Several divisions of Nanking forces, under General Chiang Kai-shek, are being mobilised for the relief of the Nineteenth Route Army. Eight divisions are on their way to Shanghai while twelve divisions have received orders for mobilisation. The Nanking Government intends to mobilise 300,000 Infantry—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE DEMARCHE.

INTO LINE WITH AMERICA.

LATEST BRITISH PROPOSAL.

AN IMPORTANT resolution is to be submitted to the League Assembly at the instance of the British Government, bringing League action more into line with the U.S. demarche of January 7, regarding the final adjustment of the Sino-Japanese dispute.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY MEETING.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S PROPOSAL.

London, Mar. 7. China's acceptance of the peace resolution passed by the General Committee of the League Assembly on Friday, was indicated in telegrams from General Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. T. V. Soong, while President of the Council of Ministers, which were read to the meeting of the Assembly at Geneva today by Chinese delegate Mr. W. Y. Yen.

During the subsequent discussion, the British delegate, Sir John Simon, emphasised the importance of local negotiations for the settlement of the dispute. The situation, he said, involved the usefulness of the League and they had to show that the League was indispensable as an instrument of peace. They could not well proceed to discuss the dispute as they were not in possession of all the facts.

He suggested that the League Commission of Enquiry having arrived in Manchuria, delegates should wait until the report was submitted by its members.

He was in favour of making a solemn declaration, affirming that the fundamental principles of the League would have to be the sole basis for the settlement of the disputes. The declaration should reaffirm the three principles laid down in the Pact of Paris and the Covenant of the League, namely, the prevention of external aggression, the guarantee of territorial integrity and the guarantee of political independence.—*British Wireless.*

MASS MEETING IN LONDON.

EARL GREY OF FALLODEN GIVES VIEWS.

London, Mar. 7. A great mass meeting, organised by the League of Nations Union, was held in the Royal Albert Hall this evening, the object being to consolidate public opinion in regard to the Far Eastern situation. Earl Grey of Falloeden, famous for his efforts to forestall the Great War in the fateful days of July, 1914, presided.

Japan's "Successes."

Lord Grey said that if the war continued, Japan would probably have more military successes, but these would not open to Japan the huge Chinese commercial market which was of greater interest to Japan than to any other Power. It looked to him as if, at any rate, the civilian element in Japan would be glad to get out of the unhappy business.

League's Position.

Lord Cecil declared that the whole machinery of the League of Nations for preventing war must be dangerously affected unless they closely adhered to the position that disorder in China could not justify breaches of a country's obligations under the League of Nations Covenant.—*Reuter.*

THE PASSING OF A GREAT STATESMAN.

WARM TRIBUTES IN LONDON AND GENEVA.

APOSTLE OF PEACE.

London, Mar. 7. The eminent French statesman, M. Aristide Briand, who died in his Paris home this afternoon, following a heart attack, was eleven times Prime Minister of France and twenty-five times a Minister.

M. Briand had only been ill for a week when he succumbed, though he was compelled to resign from the office of Minister for Foreign Affairs on January 8, when he was found to be suffering from heart disease as the result of overwork and excessive cigarette smoking.

M. Briand's Last Days.

For a while he retired to his country home at Cocherelles in Normandy, but he reluctantly consented to doctor's orders to undergo treatment at a nursing home.

He returned to Paris on February 28 and proceeded to his flat, where he took to his bed, only seeing intimate friends. Anxiety began to grow on Thursday and worsened during the week-end, hope being finally abandoned on Sunday. The famous statesman was conscious until the end.

Advocate of Peace.

He will be remembered always for his contributions to the cause of peace among nations. He played an important part in the framing of the Locarno Treaty and was joint author with Mr. Frank Kellogg of the Pact of Paris.

He was one of the most distinguished statesmen of his time. He was a man of great intellect and a man of great character. He was a man of great courage and a man of great faith. He was a man of great love and a man of great hope. He was a man of great wisdom and a man of great power. He was a man of great influence and a man of great fame. He was a man of great honor and a man of great glory. He was a man of great respect and a man of great admiration. He was a man of great love and a man of great hope. He was a man of great wisdom and a man of great power. He was a man of great influence and a man of great fame. He was a man of great honor and a man of great glory. He was a man of great respect and a man of great admiration. He was a man of great love and a man of great hope. He was a man of great wisdom and a man of great power. He was a man of great influence and a man of great fame. He was a man of great honor and a man of great glory. 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TERRIBLE INJURIES.

A terrible story of the activities of a gang of kidnapers and murderers was unfolded by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg (Assistant Crown Solicitor) before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon when prosecuting a Chinese on the capital charge arising out of the death of Liu Shik-hong, a young man whose body was found in the Tai Wan Fort at Hunghom on February 10 last.

In presenting the facts of the case Mr. Hazlerigg said that there lived at 66, Winglok Street, a merchant of some substance by the name of Liu Wai-po, who carried on business under the firm name of Shih On Tai. This merchant had a son, Liu Shik-hong, who was 25 years of age, married and had one child.

From 1926 onwards the son was a student at the Tai Hui School at Shanghai and he had intended to become a school teacher at the end of the present year. Disturbed by the trouble in Shanghai, the father came to Hongkong. The son arrived in the Colony at mid-day on February 2. It would be given in evidence that up to three o'clock the following day the son had not spoken to anybody other than members of his own and his wife's family and folks of the shop where he had made purchases.

He went out on the morning of February 3 and during his absence a man called at the shop and left his card on which he had written a message. The card bore the name of Cheung Tin and described the person as an officer to the Division of the National Army. The message indicated that the man was staying at the Hotel Nathan in Yau-mati and that he wanted to see the deceased on some important business.

Mysterious Letters.

Shortly after the deceased had left his father's shop, a friend called and enquired for him. Thinking that the friend might see the deceased first, the father gave him the card but himself took a copy of the message. At three o'clock the son returned to the shop and was given the extract which the father had made from the card.

After reading the message the son enquired where Nathan Road was, and left the shop. This was the last time he was seen alive by any of his relatives.

That night a knock was heard on the front door of 66, Winglok Street, and a voice called "Receive letter." A fold opened the door and two letters were placed on the table. The substance of one of the letters was that the writer knew the deceased, whom he had asked to lend some money but had been refused. Thereupon the writer begged the boy's father to lend him \$10,000. The father, threatened the letter, was to give a reply by the following day (February 4) or the deceased would not return. The writer showed himself to be cognizant with the fact that the deceased had recently arrived from Shanghai.

The letter intimated that the gang was well disciplined and systematically organised. The father was not to report the matter to the Police or they would kill the deceased "life for life."

Son's Plea.

In the same envelope was a portion of a letter which had been cut down the centre and which was intended to be used by the person delivering the ransom as identification, the other half being retained by the other party.

The second envelope which was delivered that evening contained a letter from the son in which he told his father that he had fallen into the hands of pirates and that his life was in imminent danger. The son asked his father to send

the money, otherwise his life would not be preserved.

After receiving the two letters a family council was held, but owing to the threat contained in the letter, the Police, unfortunately, were not informed.

Nothing further happened until 3 o'clock the following day (February 4) when the father received a telephone message, the speaker using the Hakka dialect. So far as the father understood the speaker wanted to meet him at the Tai Sam Yuen Restaurant. The speaker mentioned that he would be alone on the ground floor of the restaurant.

Prisoner Appears.

Later the father wrote a letter to the person whose name appeared at the bottom of the demand for ransom, and indicated that the sum mentioned was too much, but that he would give "some hundreds" of dollars as ten money. This letter was given to a clansman who was asked to go to the restaurant and there hand it to the man who had telephoned. The father was also sent to the Tai Sam Yuen.

On arrival the two men found the defendant sitting by himself on the ground floor, and propped against the wall was a letter addressed to Liu Wai-po (the deceased's father). The defendant was asked if he was the man who had telephoned, but he appeared not to understand. However, the defendant subsequently said that he was the man who had telephoned.

The defendant was handed the letter written by the father and he in turn gave the other two men a note from the writer of the original letter demanding the ransom. In this latter letter the writer said he was sending a Mr. Cheung Yuen-kong, apparently another name by which the defendant was known, to negotiate with them. The letter repeated the demand and warned the father that he might find repentance too late.

Further Interviews.

At the interview the letter was read by the defendant, who appeared to consider the amount both too small and too indefinite. The letter was taken back to the father and the sum altered to the definite offer of \$1,000. An appointment was then made for the defendant to visit the father's shop that same evening. At five o'clock the defendant went to the shop, where he was seen by the father and the clansman. The father-in-law, who was the only member of the family able to speak Hakka, was not present. The interview only lasted a quarter of an hour.

At that interview the defendant handed over a further letter in which the demand was reduced to \$5,000. A further interview took place at about seven o'clock the same evening. Again the father-in-law was not present and the interview was a very short one. The defendant produced another letter in which the amount was reduced to \$3,500. The defendant also produced a letter from the son, in which the writer said he was in the den of the pirates enduring great hardship, and if the money was not sent his life would not be preserved. At that interview a certain amount of bargaining took place.

Prisoner's Role.

A further appointment was made and at nine o'clock that evening the defendant again arrived at the shop. This time the father-in-law, the only Hakka-speaking member of the family, was present. In a further letter delivered by the defendant the writer agreed to reduce the sum to \$3,000. The letter indicated that the defendant was a reliable man to whom the ransom money could be paid.

Mr. Hazlerigg intimated that that showed that the defendant was not a mere messenger in the matter.

The defendant also handed over a letter from the son in which the kidnapped man asked that the bearer be given the money without fail. A certain amount of bargaining again took place and it was suggested that the sum be reduced to \$2,500. The defendant at first refused, but later agreed to that figure. As proof that he was authorised to collect the money

he produced the other half of the identification letter to which Mr. Hazlerigg had previously referred.

Suggestions as to how the man was to be delivered were discussed. The father wanted to go to where his son was imprisoned, where he could pay the money and take his son home; but the defendant refused. The money was given to him, and they were to meet on the following day at the Causeway Bay tram terminus.

Prisoner Breaks Faith.

The appointment was kept by the relatives of the deceased, but they found nobody there. The following day the father received a telephone message from the man named Cheung (defendant) who asked for a further \$500. He was asked to go to the shop, but did not do so. Later, another telephone message was received, and when asked why the kidnapped man had not been released, the caller replied that there had been trouble among the gang and they wanted another \$500.

The father agreed to pay the extra money and asked the defendant to call. The defendant said that he could not but would give the father further information in a letter.

Nothing further happened until February 8, when the father received two further letters. The writer grumbled because \$2,500 and not \$3,000 had been paid and suggested that the father go to Canton to the Kim Tin Restaurant on the bund. He was instructed to put his card, bearing the name of his shop, on the notice board. The letter promised that the kidnapped man would be handed over at the same time as the \$500 was paid.

Youth is Killed.

On receipt of the letters the father-in-law went to Canton as directed, but nothing happened. The truth of the matter was that by the time the letters were received the kidnapped man was dead and his body, was seen in the Tai Wan fort. It seemed very clear that, just as before the defendant and his associates, if he had associates, had broken faith in the matter of delivering up the man for \$2,500, they were going to break faith again in the matter of the \$500; they did not intend to keep faith as they had already killed the son.

On February 8 two friends went for a picnic to the fort on the hillside and in one of the chambers they saw a man on the ground. They threw a packet of crackers into the chamber, but were surprised when the man did not move. They became frightened and ran away. No report was made to the Police, but two days later the Police were notified and a party went to the fort, where they found the body of the kidnapped man.

The deceased was lying on his back in one of the subterranean passages. All his outer garments were missing, the body wearing a singlet, a pair of shorts and socks. No outer garments were found, but his shoes were discovered in the ravine below the parapet of the fort, where they had apparently been thrown. Near the deceased was a candle partly burned. In a recess in a wall a knife was found.

Signs of Torture.

Around the neck of the deceased there was a knot, three times, a piece of cord. It was pulled so tightly that the skin underneath was like parchment and there was a cut in the throat extending from ear to ear. It was done so savagely that the ligaments were cut through to the spine.

There were two minor injuries of a significant nature. On the back of the ear was a burn of some considerable size. The position of the burn indicated that it had not been done accidentally and its nature was such that it appeared to have been made by a candle. It was too extensive to have been made by a match. On the abdomen was a 6½ inch wound. Radiating from the wound were a number of scratches varying from three quarters of an inch to half an inch in length.

His Worship would have it in evidence that those scratches could not have been caused by the blow which caused the punctured wound. They appeared to have been made

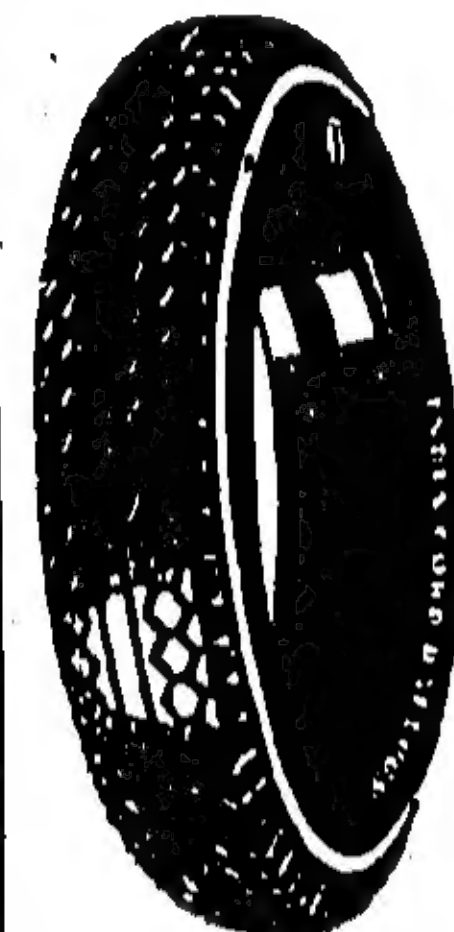
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BLEW—NOW GET THIS—WHEN THE
WHISTLE BLOWS YER THROUGH—
STOP!

RAW
RAW
RAW
(IT'S A
COLD DAY)
SAM TOOK
THE KICKOFF
AT THE START
OF THE SECOND
HALF AND—
LOOK! HIM
GO!

CLASS WILL TELL! NOT A
MAN BETWEEN ME AND
THE GOAL POSTS!

OH, WELL! I GOT UP
TO THE TWENTY
YARD LINE
ANYWAY!

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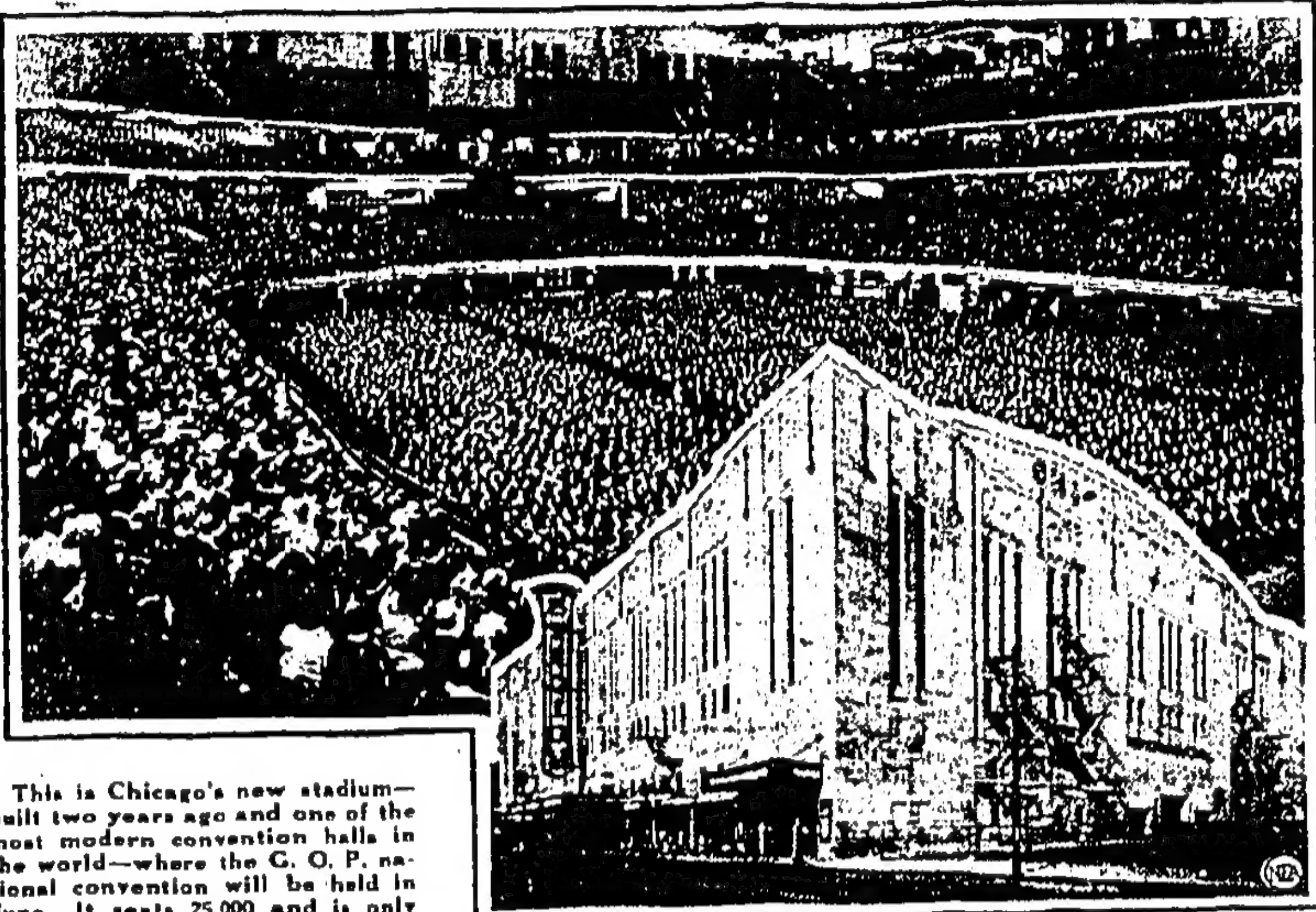
Thar She Blows!

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AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: CHILDREN IN THE NEWS.



The 1932 American presidential campaign was formally launched when the Republican National Committee, meeting in Washington, chose Chicago as the convention city for the nomination of a presidential candidate and set the opening date for June 14. Shown above is the national committee in session and a closeup of Senator Foss, presiding.



This is Chicago's new stadium—built two years ago and one of the most modern convention halls in the world—where the C. O. P. national convention will be held in June. It seats 25,000 and is only seven minutes from the heart of Chicago.



Photo was taken on "Frederick the Great" night in Berlin, when the Steel Helmet organization staged a benefit show for the poor. Otto Gebuhr, the German screen star, is shown costumed as Frederick and chatting with the ex-Crown Prince. At extreme left is Prince Eitel Frederick of Prussia, second son of the former Kaiser.



Grown-ups don't have a monopoly on all the "professions," these days. Here's little Ellen Umans, 2, of Boston, radio blues singer, crooning before the "mike," and—



this is Freddie Winter, Jr., 4, training to be a jockey and his famous papa, the English jockey and trainer. And along the same line—



Wendy Shipwright, 2, daughter of Captain Denis Shipwright, the English flyer, may be another Amy Johnson. Anyhow, she flies regularly with her father. And likewise—



just to prove that bathing beauties aren't all "great big girls," little Shirley Oakes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oakes of Niagara Falls, disports on Palm Beach's sands.



Little Joseph Huggins, aged eight, who has been asleep for three months, suffering from sleeping sickness.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Ann, Cecily and Mary Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents. The children have been orphaned since childhood. The grandparents, known as "Uncle" and "Aunt," have long since lost their wealth and the household is supported by Ann's and Cecily's earnings. For this reason, Ann, 25, and Philip Fenwick, young lawyer, are still postponing their marriage, though they have been engaged a year.

Cecily, 22, is in love with Harry McKel, an engineer, but when he proposes she refuses to name the wedding date because she cannot leave Ann with the financial responsibility of the home.

Mary Frances, 16, and still in school, strikes up an acquaintance with Lord De Armon, a rich young man. She meets him secretly on several occasions.

Cecily tells Ann that Harry has proposed. Next morning he comes early to drive Cecily to her office. Again he urges Cecily to marry him at once.

CHAPTER XXV

"No," Cecily said, "I don't like 'em revised."

"Yes, but you don't like my flights of fancy anyway, do you?" Harry asked.

"Love 'em. Lap 'em up and lick my lips. But I get so embarrassed I have to go blipant. Would you rather I didn't use a lipstick?"

"Golly, no. Not if you like it. You know better than I do about feminine fixings, and it isn't my business, anyhow."

"Would you like it if I'd let my hair grow a little longer?" These boyish bolts are clear out, you know.

"I would not," he said.

"I'd been thinking about letting it grow. It curls up when it's longer."

"Great. Sort of a shame to hide those flat little ears—but you'd know best about that."

"I've always wanted to wear earrings, but my family doesn't like them."

"Will you let me get you a pair for a present? What sort would you like?"

"Do you like earrings?"

"Abominate them—at least I do on other girls. I suppose they'd be swell in your ears, if you liked them."

"She put back her head and laughed. "Dear, you aren't precisely difficult, are you?"

"Not a bit difficult," he said. "But dumb. Very dumb. I came to meet you this morning—well, for every reason, of course; but chiefly to ask you a question. I haven't asked it yet. He paused, to sing softly, "I must be very wet, for I haven't asked it yet dressed in my best suit of clothes. These are my best, you know. These aren't my others. These are my Sunday. What was I talking about?"

"Nothing," said Cecily wickedly. "There you go. That's the trouble. You throw me off. The moment I look at you I get swacked

with joy—I'd no idea that being in love would be like this. But the minute I get away from you I go cold sober. And I can't even remember what happened. Now I know that last night I asked you to marry me. I have that down for certain. And I know that you wouldn't say when. But you did say you would, didn't you, sweet? It kept me awake all night. I could not remember what I'd said when I asked you, and I could not remember any time when you'd said, 'Yes.' Still, I reasoned that it must have happened in some sort of order, and that you couldn't have refused me, or I wouldn't have been too happy to use the brain at all."

She thought for a minute. "Barry, dear, you think that I'm right about my appearance and all that—you think that I know best. Won't you think that I know best about my—well, my inner self, too? Won't you wait for a while before we begin to talk about marrying—a month or so, at least? Won't you do that, dear, because that is what I wish?"

He thought longer than a minute, much longer, before he answered: "I don't like it, Cecily, and I don't understand. Am I being but on probation—something of that sort. It would be prudent, of course. But I've a taste for impulse and—well, call it courage where love is concerned."

"Dear," she protested, "so have I. So have I."

He shook his head. "I don't understand. It seems to me that either you love me enough to say that you'll marry me or that you don't love me at all but might like a playmate for a few months to fill in. Only—darling, you aren't like that. No, you aren't like that."

"No," she said, with a definite aloofness, "I am not like that."

He was instantly penitent. "I know you aren't. I said you weren't. But—what is it, Cecily? Do you keep a little complex, too?"

"Perhaps. Though I think it is only a feeling—a prejudice, maybe. I don't want to be 'engaged.' I'm afraid of long engagements. I think they are uncivilized—corrosive. I want to love and be loved—freely. And then some day, when it is raining a little, I want to go and be married, with none of the zest worn off by waiting and waiting and planning and talking about it. When we are married" (she did not notice what she had said, and he pretended to be seriously involved with traffic worries, and stared straight in

front of him) "I want us both to be amazed that such a preposterously splendid thing could have happened to us. I don't want us to be just smugly satisfied because we've got what we have been plodding toward for so long. I'm afraid to be 'engaged.' I've seen Ann and Phil—" she stopped. She began again. "And—No. I'm tired of talking."

He said, "The worst of it is, I like it," and dodged a charging taxicab.

She said, "H'm?"

"For a rabid realist," he explained, "to fall in love with a full-fledged romanticist is, I suppose, merely the dealing of an ironical justice. But for the realist to like it has to denote what I've been fearing—thorough inebriation. I want, to tell you about Aunt Isabel and her cleaning woman—a big, bouncing negress. Aunt Isabel's had her for years—she comes twice a week to clean house. A few weeks ago she formed the habit of going straight to the radio, as soon as she got her wraps off, and turning it on and keeping it going most of the day. Aunt Isabel is a grand sport, so she stood it for a couple of times or more; but last week she said, 'Susy, don't you think you could work faster if you'd stop bothering about the radio?'

"Yes, ma'am," Susy said, 'yas, ma'am, I could work faster—but I couldn't put near the heart into it.'"

Cecily laughed, as she was supposed to laugh, before she said, "But I don't see the connexion exactly—if at all."

"Of course you don't. There isn't any. I was changing the subject."

She pretended to accept it gratefully. "I know a nice one, too," she said, "about a little boy named James who ate all his Easter eggs."

But, when they had stopped in front of the building where her office was, and just before she got out of the car, she asked, "Is—is everything all right then, Barry?"

"All right! There's an answer, classical, to that. You know it, don't you?"

She nodded, and with no more than a twinge of doubt she smiled and left him. At the door she turned, to nod and smile again; but he had driven along. He'd have to—he couldn't stay there, double parked, and block the traffic.

The aging lady who wore the black lace hat with the purple petunias beneath the brim was not to blame. Laurence Hope's poetry had been highly recommended to her by a stoutish person whom she held in esteem and called "Boy-o." She had taken the red volume from the shelves of the public library, had dipped into it, had decided—for one reason or another—that it was not for her, had risen hurriedly from

the chair, and had left the book lying where she had pushed it away from her on the table.

It was a frightful mischance, morally, that caused Mary Frances to find the thing there. Again, for one reason or another, but probably because it rhymed so tidily straight through—"mine, wine, heights, nights, desire, fire, rest, breast," like that—and undoubtedly because it was silly and did not make sense to her, Mary Frances decided that it was for her and had it charged out on her library card.

She chose a night in May, when the starlight smelled of all the neighborhood's pink roses, and a small new moon, swam, smiling, on its back in the sky, to recite to Earl DeArmont—No matter. It

is not worth quoting, and the child had not the faintest idea what she was talking about. Earl's response is the only thing of importance connected with that particular evening.

"Cripes!" said he, and, "Aw, gee, hon! Aw, gee—I don't know as you ought to rave like that. Frankie sure suits you for a name. Frank—see? And yet so pure and innocent and all. I ain't worthy to touch the soles of your feet—see? On the square I ain't. And yet, sometimes, you seem like a woman grown and other times like a little bittie—he paused, fastidiously desirous for pertinency of diction—"cutie baby, girlie, and I guess that's what's got me kind of going about you"

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LOST

LOST—One Diamond and Platinum BROOCH between Hongkong Ferry and Kowloon Hotel on 5th March between 2.45 and 3.30 p.m. Reward, Write Box No. 931, "Hongkong Telegraph."

LOST—£8 reward is offered for the recovery of one Gold Powder Box with Diamond Clasp and a 14 Kt. Gold Dunhill Lighter, lost one evening during last week of June, 1931, between the Peninsula Hotel and Humphreys Building, Kowloon. Write Box No. 931, "Hongkong Telegraph."

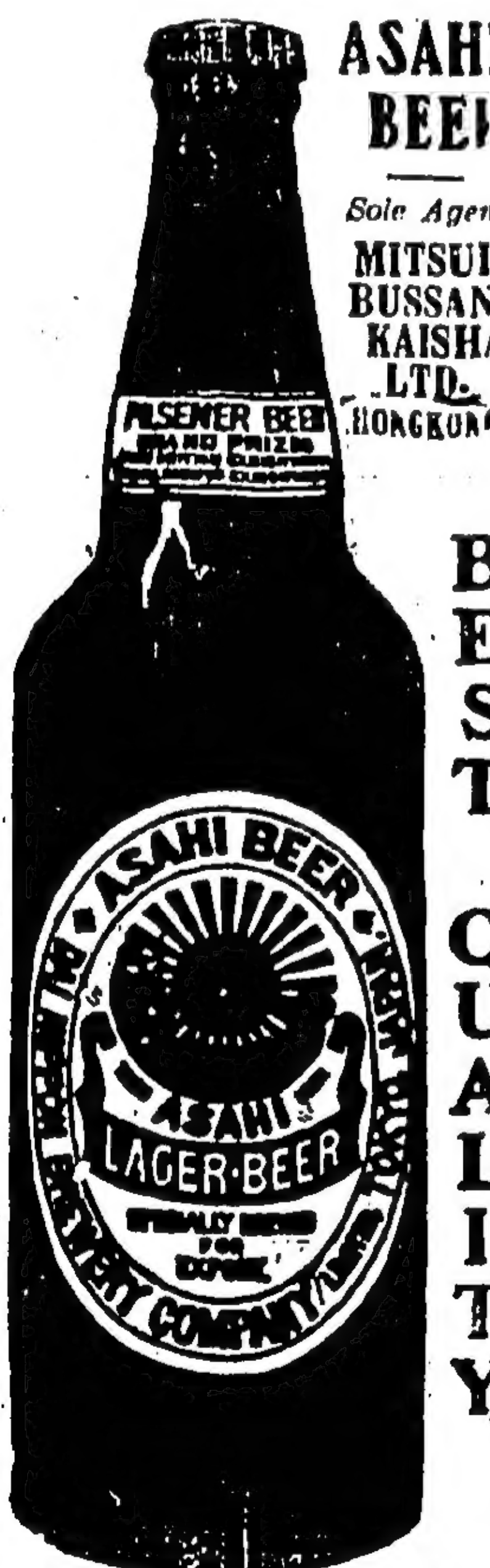
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The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 12th March, 1932, being a Customs holiday.

J. C. O'G. ANDERSON,
Acting Deputy Commissioner
in charge, temporarily,
Chinese Maritime Customs,
Kowloon and District,
York Building,
Hongkong, 7th March, 1932.

HONG KONG CLUB NOTICE.

The Fourth Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1924 issue \$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, Payable on Friday, the 30th September, 1932, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Thursday, the 17th March, 1932. Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut. Col.,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1932.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 13rd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1932.

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THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor), Hong Kong, on Tuesday the 15th March, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st January, 1931 to 31st December, 1931, and of electing an auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the board of Directors,
HENRY LOWCOCK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1932.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at Exchange Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11.30 in the forenoon immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$10,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 Shares of \$10.00 each, of which the whole have been issued) be increased from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 (consisting of 1,500,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each) by the creation of 500,000 New Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each.

2. That in the first instance 200,000 of the said New Shares be offered at par (in the proportion of one New Share for every five Old Shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the eighteenth day of March, 1932, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 1,000,000 Old Shares and so that on acceptance of such offer the full nominal amount due in respect of such 200,000 New Shares shall be payable on the 30th day of June, 1932, and that on acceptance of such offer and on payment in manner aforesaid such shares so taken up shall rank as from the 1st day of July, 1932, for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital, and that any of the said 200,000 New Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors shall think fit.

3. That such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit.

4. That the balance of 300,000 Shares constituting the Company's unissued Capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting will be continued for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

5. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

"(a) By the insertion immediately after Article No. 126 of the existing Articles of Association of the two following new Articles to be known as Articles 126A and 126B:—

"126A. Each Director who is a registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company shall have the power to nominate any person approved for that purpose by a majority of the other Directors of the Company to act as an alternate Director, in his place, during his absence from the Colony of Hongkong or inability to act through illness as such Director, and at his discretion to remove such alternate Director, and on any such appointment being made, the alternate Director shall be subject in all respect to the terms and conditions existing with reference to the other Directors of the Company, and any alternate Director while acting in the place of an absent Director, shall exercise and discharge all the

duties and functions of the Director he represents, but shall look to such Director solely for his remuneration and shall not be entitled to claim remuneration from the Company. Provided always that it shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the power of appointment herein contained and the continuance of the appointment hereunder that the Director exercising the same shall be, at the time of making such appointment and shall continue to be so long as the said appointment continues, the registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company. Every appointment made in pursuance of this Article shall be in writing under the hand of the Director making the same."

"126B. Any instrument appointing an alternate Director in pursuance of Article 126A of these Articles shall be as near as circumstances will admit in the following form or to the effect following:—

I, a Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in pursuance of the power in that behalf contained in Article 126A of the Articles of Association of the Company do hereby nominate and appoint of to act as alternate Director in my place during my absence from the Colony of Hongkong or my inability to act as a Director through illness (as the case may be) to exercise and discharge all my duties as a Director of the Company.

AS WITNESS my hand this day of One thousand nine hundred and thirty

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

Unincorporated in Hongkong.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong), on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1931, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th March, 1932, until Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

duties and functions of the Director he represents, but shall look to such Director solely for his remuneration and shall not be entitled to claim remuneration from the Company. Provided always that it shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the power of appointment herein contained and the continuance of the appointment hereunder that the Director exercising the same shall be, at the time of making such appointment and shall continue to be so long as the said appointment continues, the registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company. Every appointment made in pursuance of this Article shall be in writing under the hand of the Director making the same."

"126B. Any instrument appointing an alternate Director in pursuance of Article 126A of these Articles shall be as near as circumstances will admit in the following form or to the effect following:—

I, a Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in pursuance of the power in that behalf contained in Article 126A of the Articles of Association of the Company do hereby nominate and appoint of to act as alternate Director in my place during my absence from the Colony of Hongkong or my inability to act as a Director through illness (as the case may be) to exercise and discharge all my duties as a Director of the Company.

AS WITNESS my hand this day of One thousand nine hundred and thirty

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1932.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1932, at 12 Noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Registrar and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 23rd day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1932.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, at 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March 1932, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 13th day of April 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above-mentioned Resolution.

Dated this second day of March 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

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Straits	Mirapore	March 9.
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Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 11th February		
and Parcels, 4th February	Corfu	March 9.
Straits	Kashgar	March 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	March 11.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 20th Feb.)	Pres. Jefferson	March 11.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	March 12.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	March 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Andre Lebon	March 15.
Saigon	General Metzinger	March 16.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	March 17.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 27th February)	Empress of Asia	March 17.
Straits	Hakone Maru	March 18.
Japan	Katori Maru	March 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 19th February)	Pres. Adams	March 19.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Mar. 8, 3 p.m.
Bangkok	Hermes	Tues., Mar. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow	Fook On	Tues., Mar. 8, 4 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	Tues., Mar. 8, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwaiyang	Tues., Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
Amoy, Formosa and Swatow	Deli Maru	Thurs., Mar. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Japan and "Canada"	Ixion	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria, 5th April)
Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Siberia"	Corfu	Thurs., Mar. 10, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	Thurs., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	King Yuan	Thurs., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Menestheus	Thurs., Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Mar. 11, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Carthage	Sat., Mar. 12. K.P.O.
	Parcels	Mar. 11, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 12, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 12, 10 a.m. G.P.O.
	Parcels	Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 12, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 12, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, 8th April)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Conte Rosso	Sat., Mar. 12. K.P.O.
	Reg.	Mar. 12, 3 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 12, 4.30 p.m. G.P.O.
	Reg.	Mar. 12, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 12, 5 p.m. (Due Brindisi, 3rd April)
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun., Mar. 13, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Canton Maru	Sun., Mar. 13, 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and "Europe via Vancouver B.C."	Empress of Japan	Mon., Mar. 14.
	Parcels	Mar. 14, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 14, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 14, 5 p.m. (Due Vancouver B.C., 2nd April)
Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia"	Empress of Japan	Mon., Mar. 14.
	Reg.	Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 14, 6 p.m.

Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and "Europe via Marseilles"	Andre Lebon	Tues., Mar. 15. K.P.O.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m. G.P.O.
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 15th April)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Mar. 15, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	Wed., Mar. 16. K.P.O.
	Registration	10th 9 a.m.
	Letters	10th 10 a.m. G.P.O.
	Registration	10th 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10th 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, 14th April)

Japan, Honolulu and "South American Ports"	Rakuyo Maru	Thurs., Mar. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Fri., Mar. 18, 9.30 a.m.

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BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING.

DR. DUPPUY PRESIDES FOR LAST TIME.

Rev. C. R. Duppu, Bishop of Victoria, said farewell to the Hongkong auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society last night when he presided over the annual meeting. Appreciation of the Bishop's work for the Society was expressed.

In presenting the annual report, Rev. Frank Short told of a highly successful year, and the statement of accounts showed that a larger sum than last year had been forwarded to the London office.

Rev. Mr. Short referred to the Bishop as the "Perpetual President," and declared that he had taken a very keen interest in the auxiliary's work and in the extension of its work among the churches. They would all miss him.

Increased collections were reported by Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Treasurer, in presenting the statement of accounts. Particularly, he said, had they been bigger in the Chinese churches. He moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, which was seconded by Rev. Arthur Stewart, and carried unanimously.

Rev. Frank Short and Rev. G. K. Carpenter were elected honorary secretaries and Dr. Montgomery treasurer, while Mr. J. L. Macpherson and Rev. W. W. Rogers were elected Vice Presidents for the year. It was decided that last year's Committee be re-elected, with power to add to their number.

An appreciation of the work done by the collectors was placed on record.

During the meeting, Dr. W. P. Merrill and Dr. Rufus M. Jones spoke.

INDIA'S BUDGET.

A SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION CLAIMED.

New Delhi, Mar. 7.

A satisfactory budget position consequent upon heavy retrenchments and conservative revenue estimates, enabled the Finance Member in introducing his Budget in the Assembly to-day to say that no other country in the world was in a sounder financial position, or had brighter prospects of an economic advance than India.

The estimates showed a deficit of £10,125,000 for the current year and a surplus of £1,687,000 next year, but the expenditure included provision for debt redemption of £10,500,000.

The reduction in receipts was mainly due to lower customs revenue, especially from sugar, silver, cotton-piece goods and liquors.

Army retrenchments amounted to over £1,250,000.

Railway capital expenditure would be reduced next year to a little over £3,000,000 compared with seven times that amount three years ago.

There is to be no new borrowing, except to pay maturities on loans.

The member defended the Government's policy of exporting gold and currency expansion, which had strengthened exchange and improved India's credit.

COMPANY REPORTS.

EWO COTTON MILLS, LTD'S ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

The following statement of accounts issued by the Directors of the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., for the past year has been supplied by Messrs. Benjamin and Potts:

	Tls.
To pay Dividend on Preference shares at rate of 8 per cent. per annum	72,000.00
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To transfer to Staff Bonus and Contingencies Account	100,000.00
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The Hongkong Canton & Macao Steamboat Company, Ltd.

The annual report of the Directors of the Hongkong Canton & Macao Steamboat Company, Ltd., for 1931, to be presented to the shareholders on Tuesday, the 15th inst., states:

The Directors beg to submit a statement of accounts for the year 1931 and a Balance Sheet of the Company as at 31st December, 1931. The trading profits for the year before deduction of ordinary interest, repairs, depreciation, etc., amount to \$180,553.07 which with the sum of \$50,000.00 transferred from the Equalization of Dividend Fund and \$100,016.33 from the Insurance and Underwriting Account, makes a total of \$406,569.40 which the Directors recommend be utilized as follows:

Repairs to Steamers and Wharves	\$139,927.23
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	12,500.00
Interest on Overdraft	4,314.21
Special Depreciation of steamers, wharves and furniture	165,487.50
Ordinary Depreciation of steamers	58,350.00
Transfer to Special Repairs Fund	23,457.99
	\$406,036.93

leaving a balance of \$1,532.07 which with the amount brought forward from 1930 of \$41,518.77 gives a balance of \$43,050.84 in Profit and Loss Account to be carried forward to next account.

The suggested special appropriations will not only place the Company's steamers and wharves at a conservative figure but will also lighten considerably the heavy annual charge for depreciation.

The usual overhauls and repairs were effected during the year to Company's fleet of steamers which are all in good running order.

Directors.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg and Mr. G. A. da Rosa retire from the

UNABLE TO SLEEP.

Australian Clergyman's Experience.

"I was severely ill with double pneumonia," states the Rev. D. A. C. Packett, of Natimuk, Victoria, "and afterwards, through poverty of blood, I was never really well and strong. I had a lot of study to do, and gradually lost my appetite, and could not sleep at night."

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The Queen used a gold key inscribed with her initials and the Royal Crown.

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Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, who retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

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Emp. of Japan	May 6	May 9	May 11	May 13	May 15	May 17	May 19	May 21
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 25	May 27	May 29	May 31	June 2	June 4
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MEETING OF LOCAL BIBLE UNION.

AN ADDRESS BY DR. H. L. CLIFT.

Following in the substance of an address which was delivered by Doctor H. Lechmere Clift last night, at the second monthly meeting of the Bible Union of China, Hongkong Branch.

Doctor Clift said:—We Christians are presumably followers of Christ. If so, we regard Him as our infallible guide. It is, therefore, a matter of intense practical interest to us to know His thoughts on all the problems of our lives. If He could possibly fall in at one point, could we, three, trust Him wholly in another?

We, members of the Bible Union of China, are one in heart with all those who believe our adorable Lord to be, "The only begotten son of God, begotten of His father, before all worlds, God of God," believe also that, when He took our nature upon Him, He limited as He necessarily was, was not limited in His knowledge of the Divine Truth.

The written word is the expression of the living word and His thoughts of it should be our thoughts.

"Think not," He says, (St. Matt. V. 17) "That I am come to destroy the Law or the Prophets: I come not to destroy, but to fulfill. In truth, I say unto you, till Heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law till all be fulfilled."

Believing wholly in the Old Testament Scriptures, He could say to the two perplexed disciples walking to Samaria, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the Prophets have spoken!" (St. Luke XXIV. 25).

Doubters not Wise Men. He did not consider doubters to be the wise men they now consider themselves to be! And this was after His resurrection, and when He was not limited by our mortal flesh. And He said again, "These are my words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, now that all things must needs be fulfilled which are written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning me." (St. Luke, XXIV. 44).

It is true that our Lord emphasized the true and more spiritual interpretation of the law; but it was still the same law. He honoured the Law and the Prophets every Sabbath. Day by day, habitually attending a synagogue where these scriptures were read. (St. Luke, IV. 16).

In modern times we know that a certain learned writer on mathematics and the author of Alice in Wonderland are one and the same man. The subject and the style of these books are vastly different. Yet, if a book in the Bible shows variations in style, or subject

matter, people jump to the conclusion that there must have been more than one writer!

There are several quotations, for instance, in the New Testament from the book of Isaiah; but all attribute the work to one writer.

Theory Danger.

Much of the muddle in men's minds to-day, in regard to Holy Scripture, is that they read books about the Bible and take their knowledge second-hand, instead of studying the text first-hand for themselves. Theories get bandied about and by constant repetition become generally accepted. We live in a day so full of varied interests and no time for one thing, and a temptation to superficial thinking.

Bible critics are, after all, fallible humans, naturally ignorant of many things, and subject to limitations. In the past they had constantly to shift their ground. It is unwise to be alarmed at their oppositions and take them as final.

The Book itself is its best witness. "The power soeth the word." He says nothing else and it is the word which has changed lives, converted drunkards, thieves, murderers, cannibals and ourselves! "The word of the Truth of the Gospel is come unto you, even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing." (Col. 1, 5, 6).

Science and Religion.

There can be no real conflict between science and religion. Truth cannot deny truth. But always make sure it is genuine science and not speculation, and real religion and not merely fancies.

So many are brought in the net of the Bible criticism who have no means of judging the situation aright and sifting facts from theories. Preachers think that if they can only declare some particular thinker's doubts, they will shine in the reflected glory of scholarship, and be considered smart and up-to-date; and they hope that their congregations will be thus drawn to modern religion.

Dangerous Home Movement.

This idea is animating the student movement in Britain. They are starting a Schoolboy Association in opposition to the Scripture Union and the "Crusaders." The promoters may mean well but this is a dangerous game. "It were well for him, if a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble." So said our Lord, (St. Luke, XVII. 2), with extreme solemnity; and it is a terrible responsibility to tamper with the faith of a young believer in the eternal verities.

As a matter of fact men are not interested in doubts. They long for certainties in an uncertain world.

An Indian Incident.

I met a Mohammedan lawyer in the train when in India recently.

YOUNG STUDENT'S DEATH.

(Continued from Page 2.)

by some sharp instrument. Taken singly they might pass observation, but taken together they indicated that the man had been tortured. Torture seemed obvious, seeing that the deceased had written three letters to his father.

Prisoner's Arrest.

The contents of the stomach were analysed and found to contain 2½ grains opium, although it was difficult to say how much opium, had been taken.

The defendant was arrested at Shaukiwan on February 18. He was put up for identification and was immediately recognised by those members of the murdered man's family with whom the negotiations had been conducted. On his person at the time was found a pocket book in which he had written, on the leaves of the book, a letter to his mother informing her that he could not send her any money immediately but he hoped to do so before the end of the month. Apparently the letter was written when the defendant was without means.

In his pocket the defendant had two receipts for jewellery to the amount of about \$80 which he had purchased in Canton.

In making reference to the letters which were written to the father, Mr. Henderley drew his Worship's attention to certain portions of each in which the writer threatened that unless the money were paid the kidnapped man would be killed.

After evidence was taken the hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

I got in at a country station on the North-West Frontier, where the Christians had come to wish me God Speed. This incident excited the interest of this passenger and made him anxious to know who I was. He looked unhappy and like a ship without an anchor in the storm. His father is a prominent Mohammedan propagandist, but he, the son, during the four years he was studying law in London, went on Sundays from Church to Church seeking truth—only to hear of man's doubts from the pulpits instead of Divine certainties. "I had, it seemed, more faith in Christ than the preachers themselves," he said.

Catholic Conference.

Later on I was in Dublin, and while there the Catholic Truth Society was having its meetings. From what I could see in the papers, no Roman Doctrine was discussed. The speakers only emphasised their unshaken faith in the fundamental truths of Christianity, attracting, as they intended, those who were weary of the vague generalities and barren negations in their own Churches.

We live in momentous days when we have to stand fast. The whole keynote of the Bible is certainty. "The just shall live by his faith," and we Christians, who place our whole trust and confidence in the truth of God's Holy Word, know that we have the key that opens every lock—the interpretation of every spiritual and political problem.

Never has the world been experiencing such unprecedented disasters, such "wars and rumours of more wars," such "distress of nations," and "men's hearts failing them for fear."

Bankrupt Statesmanship. Statesmanship seems bankrupt, and treaties, leagues and con-

THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

(Continued from Page 3.)

—see? And you feeling like you just said about me, and all, it seems kind of mean to go off and leave you, specially since I got no prospects in sight elsewhere at present date."

The Stephen G. Sperry Players, after an unfortunate few weeks in the Hongkong Moving Picture Theatre, had been supplanted by the Crazy Crooning Combers, and "unable to make other satisfactory contracts, were resting indefinitely."

But for three breathless Friday nights Mary-Frances had gone with Ermintrude and Mr. and Mrs. Hill—needless to mention the elder Hills—ignorance of plot, design, or motive—and had sat with pounding heart and parted lips and watched Earl moving about among people who were in the highest of high society. He was debonair. He was dainty with tea-coloured delectables; he opened doors for ladies who were going to night and country clubs; he rang for butlers; he did and said, in fact—if clumsily—all the things that the Reggies and Geoffs and Ferdies always do and say in Mrs. Mayfair's morning room, or Captain Starkweather's library. Time the Present. And Mary-Frances had an obedient memory and an energetic imagination.

"Oh, Earl," she now protested, "I wouldn't come between you and your professional career—not for anything in the world. You'll just have to go. Duty calls you, and everything. But neither distance nor anything can part us, and we'll never, never forget; and, in time, we'll be reunited."

(To be Continued.)

IRISH ELECTIONS.

FINAL FIGURES OF THE POLLING.

London, Mar. 7.

Following the conclusion of the deferred Sligo-Leitrim election, the final figures of the Irish elections are:

Fianna Fail 72.
Government (including the Speaker) 66.
Independents 17.
Labour 7.

One seat is vacant owing to the death of the Government holder at East Cork.—*Reuter*.

ferences appear to be hopelessly discredited.

God has a controversy with a world which crucified His Son. When man has come to the end of his resources and turns to Him, God will interpose. The Prophet, Habakkuk, again says, "I will stand upon my watch and will look forth to see what He will speak with me."

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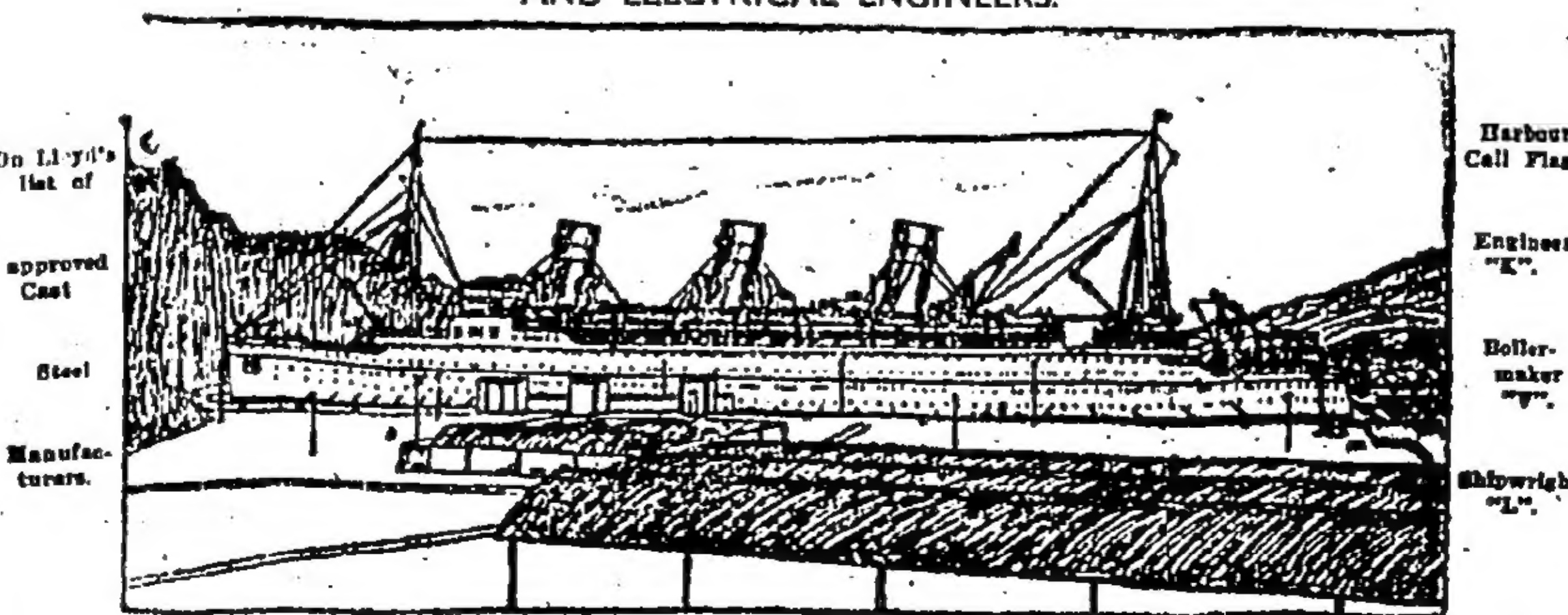
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Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 8th March, 1932. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th March, 1932, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined, on the 9th March, 1932, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
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**DANGER OF SINKING
WHEN FIRST BUILT.**

The fact that part of Westminster Abbey sank and was in danger of collapse soon after it was built by Edward the Confessor has been revealed by recent excavations. The discovery of the original foundations during the work of installing a new heating pipe was described by Mr. Lawrence Tanner, Secretary of the Royal Almonry, in a lecture on "Recent Discoveries in Westminster Abbey," delivered at Westminster School in aid of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

"We came upon the foundations while digging a trench for the pipe," said Mr. Tanner, "and we traced them practically all the way to where the present Abbey stands at the west end. We also found, however, that at each side of the foundations of the pillars, strengthening walls had been built. It became evident that those responsible had been extremely anxious for the safety of the space between the pillars had been filled in to shore them up. There must have been a settlement that frightened the builders."

The word Westminster, he said, was first written in the Offa charter of A.D. 785, and refers to the church "on the terrible island of thorns which is called Westminster."

**BRITAIN'S BYE IN
DAVIS CUP.**

DRAW MADE IN PARIS.

Paris, Feb. 2. The draw for the Davis Cup took place at the Elysee this afternoon. The Ambassadors or Ministers of 30 nations taking part in the competition were present, and President Doumer himself made the first draw.

Before the ceremony, M. Doumer received Mr. Dwight Davis, the founder of the tournament, who is on a visit to Paris, and decorated him with the Order of Commander of the Legion of Honour.

The following is the draw: European zone: First round.—Great Britain, Rumania, Poland, Holland, and Ireland draw byes at the top of the list, whereafter Hungary plays Finland, Germany plays India, Austria plays Czechoslovakia, Monaco plays Norway, Belgium plays Switzerland, and Italy plays Egypt.

Spain, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Japan, and Greece draw byes at the bottom of the list. Ireland plays the winner of the Hungary-Finland game, Spain plays the winner of Italy-Egypt in the second round.

North American zone: First round.—United States play Canada. Second round.—Mexico plays the winner of the United States-Canada game and Australia plays Cuba.

**MURDER OF WOMAN
CYCLIST.**

**S.W.B. MAN IN TEARS AFTER
DEATH SENTENCE.**

Sentence of death was passed at Gloucester Assizes on George Thomas Pople, aged 22, of Brecon, a private in the 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers, for the murder of Mrs. Mabel Elizabeth Matthews, aged 66, near Burford, in the Cotswolds, on December 19. Mrs. Matthews, who lived at Windrush Mill, near Burford, was found with severe head injuries on the Oxford-Cheltenham road. The prosecution alleged that she had been attacked by Pople.

Giving evidence, Pople said that his lamp became defective, and he made up his mind to get another. A bicycle came from behind him, and he made a grab for the lamp. His trousers caught in the pedal of his bicycle, and he fell against the other machine on the ground. Mrs. Matthews, who was riding the other machine, fell against a telegraph post and rolled down a dip at the side of the road. He found that she was unconscious, and he picked up some things which fell from her pocket and took her lamp and put it on his bicycle.

Sir Reginald Coventry (prosecuting)—You robbed this unconscious woman?—Put it that way if you like.

Pople stood to attention while the Judge passed sentence of death, but tears streamed from his eyes as he left the dock.

LOST ORIGINALITY.

**MR. ALFRED NOYES ON THE
"REAL DEPTHS."**

The tendency to accept novelty as originality was commented on by Mr. Alfred Noyes while speaking on "Originality in Literature" at the 15th of the Literary Luncheon arranged by Messrs. Foyle at Grosvenor House, London.

"We are not tapping the real depths in nature," he said, "but rather concocting artificial flowers out of paper and attaching them to bits of stick, putting them into the ground and pointing them out. But they do not resemble any hitherto-known flower."

They had lost originality in their search for novelty, continued Mr. Noyes. Great art was never really invented. It was a discovery of something that had always been there. It would be the business of the arts in the future not to invent paper flowers, but to go about merely being clever and saying in a subtle way that horses have five legs because everyone else thought they had four.

"It is easy to get your originality that way," declared Mr. Noyes. "Mr. Bernard Shaw has been doing it all his life. The new originality is going to transfigure English life, to discover that there are permanent things which are worth while unrolling in the unchanging background in front of which all our silly fashions appear and disappear."

**SECRETS OF THE
TOMBS.**

**CIVILISATION IN
BRONZE AGE.**

Examination of the Tombs of the Bronze Age, which were discovered recently, show that the people of Jericho, like other Canaanite and Amorite communities of the Bronze Age, buried their dead in subterranean grotto-vaults, which were entered by a smallish opening at the bottom of a hewn-out shaft.

The number of interments is so great as to suggest that they were used as family vaults for a number of generations.

In one tomb, now under investigation, even the funerary offerings, which are to be counted by hundreds, are found filled with human bones. In all cases certain rites seem to have been observed and certain offerings made with each interment. A dish for bread, a water-jug, and a small jug probably for oil, constituted the elementary provision for the dead, for whose use or protection a lighted lamp was left burning in the tomb.

One tomb, a chieftain's, contained 500 vases. And such cases! Picked specimens, doubtless, some, maybe, already old and time-honoured, but for the most part still perfect or nearly so.

The height of local civilisation in the Bronze Age had not been gauged or even guessed.

**SMALLER HATS FOR
MEN.**

THE RAKISH ANGLE.

A concerted effort to make men "hat conscious" by providing smaller hats, of smarter appearance, is to be undertaken by apothecaries throughout England. The "floppy" style of soft hat is especially to be attacked.

The campaign began last month when hatlers everywhere displayed headgear reminiscent of the sixties.

Prospective buyers of new bowlers or soft hats will be advised that at present they are too heavy or "over-hatted" and that their hat to-day should have a small brim and a small crown.

It is hoped that by springtime practically every man will wear a smaller hat than he does to-day.

Too "Floppy" To-day. A big London hatler said: "Some of the new hats will seem revolutionary with a brim three-quarters of an inch smaller and the crown half an inch smaller."

The new hats, will not get blown off so easily on a windy day and can be worn at a rakish angle. They will be lighter and more comfortable.

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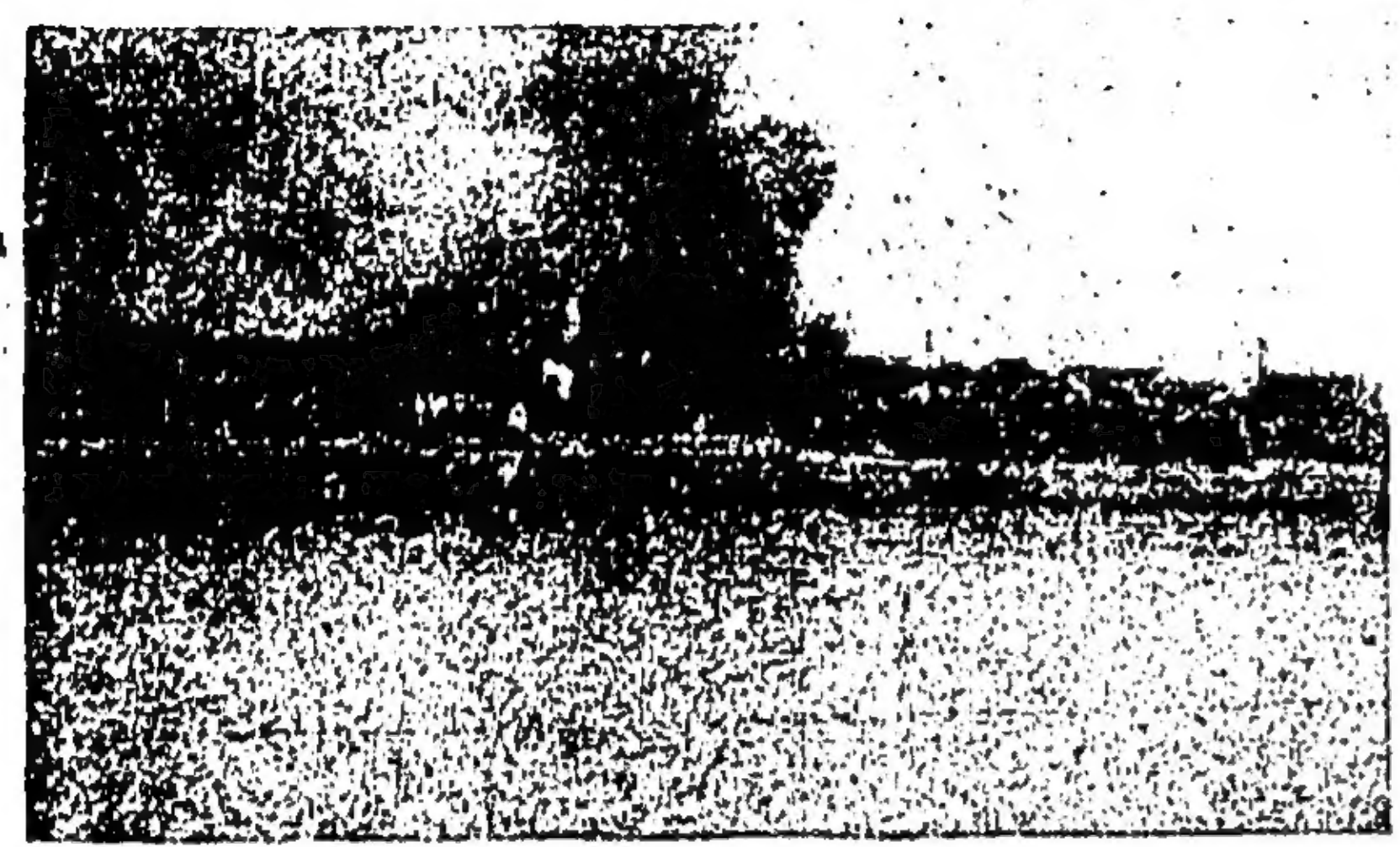
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NANKING BENT ON RECAPTURE OF SHANGHAI.

Kiangsu and Chekiang Swarming With Troops.



Our photo shows Wooning Village blazing on Thursday last when three cruisers stood off and subjected the place to a terrific bombardment just before it was carried by storm. Photo was taken by Mr. Dennis C. Palfreeman, a passenger on the Agamemnon, bound for Hongkong. Note the shell holes on the sea wall.

CONCENTRATIONS AT HANGCHOW.

EYE-WITNESS'S STORY OF PREPARATIONS.

OMINOUS OUTLOOK.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Mar. 8, 1.39 p.m.
PERSISTENT REPORTS CURRENT THAT THE NANKING MILITARY COUNCIL UNDER CHIANG KAI-SHEK HAVE DRAWN UP PLANS FOR THE "RECAPTURE OF SHANGHAI," APPEAR TO BE BORNE OUT, TO SOME EXTENT, BY THE STEADY STREAM OF RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Thousands of men in Chekiang and Kiangsu Provinces are moving steadily towards the battle-area, concentrating upon Hangchow and Soochow. The Chinese plan, apparently, is to launch an offensive from two directions, taking the Japanese lines in the Nanziang sector on the flank.

At the moment there are not more than twenty thousand Chinese troops to the immediate south of Shanghai. Ten thousand are massed at Hangchow and about four thousand, the 36th Independent Brigade, are stationed along the railway between Sinchwang-ku (about ten miles from Shanghai South Station) and Sungkiang (about 20 miles away). This brigade is equipped with a number of the latest type anti-aircraft gun.

An eye-witness states that large quantities of machine-guns and armoured cars have arrived at Hangchow and large quantities of other munitions of war are steadily arriving.

TWO DIVISIONS NEAR.
Forty or fifty thousand men are also moving towards Hangchow from the Kiangsu-Chekiang borders. The 18th Division, bound for Hangchow, has reached Tunglu, on the Chientang Kiang, about fifty miles from Hangchow, and the 9th Nanking Division, after a forced march across country, is concentrating at Chai Ching Chung, waiting for boat transportation to Hangchow. Boats have been sent up the Chientang Kiang to bring these divisions down.

XIXTH ARMY ATTACK.
Shanghai, Mar. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Threatening a renewal of military operations on a large scale over the entire area adjacent to Shanghai, the Nineteenth Army launched a vigorous offensive against the Japanese outposts in front of the extreme right of



General Chiang Kai-shek, re-appointed Generalissimo of the Chinese forces, who is leaving for the war zone shortly.

DEFENSIVE ACTION.
The statement adds that orders have been issued by General Shirakawa, the commander-in-chief of the Eleventh Division, that the Japanese force holding the positions now being attacked are to confine their operations solely to repulsing the attack and are to avoid any offensive movement.

TROOPS POURING IN.
One of the reasons for this belief is that several fresh Divisions of the Chinese Army which arrived from Soochow previous to the attack, have been ordered to the Liuhoo sector, the scene of the fighting.

Furthermore, the Japanese Fourteenth Division, consisting of

THE PASSING OF A GREAT STATESMAN.

WARM TRIBUTES IN LONDON AND GENEVA.

APOSTLE OF PEACE.

London, Mar. 7.
The eminent French statesman, M. Aristide Briand, who died in his Paris home this afternoon, following a heart attack, was eleven times Prime Minister of France and twenty-five times a Minister.

M. Briand had only been ill for a week when he succumbed, though he was compelled to resign from the office of Minister for Foreign Affairs on January 8, when he was found to be suffering from heart disease as the result of overwork and excessive cigarette smoking.

M. Briand's Last Days.
For a while he retired to his country home at Cocherelles in Normandy, but he reluctantly consented to doctor's orders to undergo treatment at a nursing home.

He returned to Paris on February 28 and proceeded to his flat, where he took to his bed, only seeing intimate friends. Anxiety began to grow on Thursday and worsened during the week-end, hope being finally abandoned on Sunday. The famous statesman was conscious until the end.

Advocate of Peace.
He will be remembered always for his contributions to the cause of peace among nations. He played an important part in the framing of the Locarno Treaty and was joint author with Mr. Frank Kellogg of the Pact of Paris.



Characteristic pictures of the late M. Briand.

of peace and goodwill among nations will ever be held in honoured and grateful remembrance."

British Sympathy.
Lord Tyrrell, the British Ambassador in Paris, has transmitted a letter of sympathy from the Prime Minister to Monsieur Tardieu and has also conveyed to him a personal expression of sympathy on behalf of Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the name of his colleagues and himself, assured the French Government of his deep sympathy in the great loss the French nation has suffered. "In the passing of my old friend, we have been working together for well over a generation and I feel his death with a peculiar keenness. M. Briand dedicated the whole of his long life, without respite, to the high purpose of creating good understanding between peoples, for which his name will ever be a famous monument, more lasting than bronze. He was indeed an architect of peace and his loss will be deeply felt not in France only, but among all men of goodwill throughout the world."

Geneva Tributes.
When the news of M. Briand's death was read at the meeting in Geneva of the Standing Orders Committee, the delegates stood in silence with bowed heads. A touching tribute was paid by the



The late M. Briand, photographed outside the French Foreign Office, which he occupied through Ministry after Ministry.

PAINTING THE TOWN.

BERLIN REDS & PRESIDENCY.

Nazi Leaders Also Very Active.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Berlin, Mar. 7.
The Nazis and the Communists are extremely active in their propagandising regarding the Presidential election campaign.

Slogans are being painted upon pavements and walls under the cover of darkness, and tons of literature are being poured out by printing presses. The Communists went further and affixed a gigantic Red Flag to the wireless tower, where it fluttered for hours before it could be removed.

The Government Party has been satisfied with the employment of normal methods of appealing to the public, with placards on the street corners announcing: "Germany's fight for justice and freedom demands strength and unity. Germany Unite. Vote for Hindenburg."

One of the Presidential candidates, Herr Winter, is unable to participate in the propaganda as he is still in prison.

chairman, Monsieur Hymans.

PRESS TRIBUTES.

The whole world is paying tribute to the memory of M. Briand as "the Apostle of Peace." All the London newspapers devote leading articles and columns to biographical details. The Times says M. Briand's death has removed the greatest diplomatic figure of the post-war period, to whom peace was a passion. His decline coincided with the recrudescence of nationalism in Europe, and since his influence has been withdrawn, the European nations seem to have been stumbling along a broken road.

The Daily Telegraph describes M. Briand as a great internationalist and a good Frenchman, and the Daily Mail as a man to whom France instinctively had recourse in hours of difficulty and danger. The Daily Herald refers to him as an illustrious warrior for peace; the News-Chronicle as the champion of peace; and the Daily Express as an international Frenchman.

During the debate in the House of Commons, on the Navy estimates (Continued on Page 18.)

LEAGUE DEMARCHE.

INTO LINE WITH AMERICA.

LATEST BRITISH PROPOSAL.

AN IMPORTANT resolution is to be submitted to the League Assembly at the instance of the British Government, bringing League action more into line with the U.S. demarche of January 7, regarding the final adjustment of the Sino-Japanese dispute.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY MEETING.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S PROPOSAL.

London, Mar. 7.

China's acceptance of the peace resolution passed by the General Committee of the League Assembly on Friday, was indicated in telegrams from General Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. T. V. Soong, while President of the Council of Ministers, which were read to the meeting of the Assembly at Geneva today by Chinese delegate, Dr. W. W. Yen.

During the subsequent discussion, the British delegate, Sir John Simon, emphasised the importance of local negotiations for the settlement of the dispute.

The situation, he said, involved the usefulness of the League and they had to show that the League was indispensable as an instrument of peace. They could not well proceed to discuss the dispute as they were not in possession of all the facts.

He suggested that the League Commission of Enquiry having arrived in Manchuria, delegates should wait until the report was submitted by its members.

He was in favour of making a solemn declaration, affirming that the fundamental principles of the League would have to be the sole basis for the settlement of the disputes. The declaration should reaffirm the three principles laid down in the Pact of Paris and the Covenant of the League, namely, the prevention of external aggression, the guarantee of territorial integrity, and the guarantee of political independence.—British Wireless.

MASS MEETING IN LONDON.

EARL GREY OF FALLODEN GIVES VIEWS

London, Mar. 7.

A great mass meeting, organised by the League of Nations Union, was held in the Royal Albert Hall this evening, the object being to consolidate public opinion in regard to the Far Eastern situation. Earl Grey of Falloeden, famous for his efforts to prevent the Great War in the fateful days of July, 1914, presided.

Japan's "Successes."
Lord Grey said that if the war continued, Japan would probably have more military successes, but these would not open to Japan the huge Chinese commercial market which was of greater interest to Japan than to any other Power.

It looked to him as if, at any rate, the civilian element in Japan would be glad to get out of the unhappy business.

League's Position.

Lord Cecil declared that the whole machinery of the League of Nations for preventing war must be dangerously affected unless they closely adhered to the position that disorder in China could not justify breaches of a country's obligations under the League of Nations Covenant.—Reuter.

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LINDBERGH BABY KIDNAPPING.

THREE ARRESTS EFFECTED.

AIR MYSTERY.

New York, Mar. 8.
Two sensational developments in the Lindbergh kidnapping affair are featured in the newspapers this morning, two men and a woman being arrested at Bristol, Pennsylvania, while the ransom demanded is now stated to be half a million dollars.

Meanwhile, Col. Lindbergh is still striving to get into direct touch with the perpetrators of the outrage in his so far unavailing attempts to recover his 21-months' old son.

The first dramatic development yesterday occurred when the police intercepted a letter addressed to Colonel Lindbergh, demanding G\$500,000 as ransom for the boy, and proposing a meeting with Col. Lindbergh's representative at a restaurant, near Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

GO-BETWEEN SENT.

It is reported that Col. Lindbergh's go-between, "Salvey" Spitaler, a notorious racketeer, immediately took train for Mansfield.

It is reported that towards the end of last week a mysterious aeroplane flew over the Lindbergh home at Hopewell, New Jersey, and dropped a streamer.

BRISTOL CAPTURE.

Late yesterday afternoon at Bristol, Pennsylvania, two men and a woman were arrested in a police trap for the writers of the note addressed to Colonel Lindbergh on Saturday, demanding G\$500,000 ransom.

It is quite possible that the people arrested were not the actual kidnapers, but a party who thought to profit by the situation to reap an "easy harvest."—Reuter's American Service.

The following is from the London Morning Post:—"The marriage arranged between Audrey Eleanor, only daughter of Norman P. MacLennan, Ardara, Kelvinside, Glasgow, and Flying Officer A. Vere Harvey, late Royal Air Force, of Hongkong, will not take place."

The Royal Observatory reports that the typhoon or depression in the South China Sea appears to have filled up. The anticyclone is central to the west of Shanghai. Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

LORD INCHCAPE'S NIECE.

MARRIED IN HONGKONG TO DAY.

A wedding of much social interest was celebrated at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon, when Miss Ellen Christian Mackay Sim, niece of Lord Inchcape, the well-known shipping magnate, became the bride of Mr. Samuel Alexander Gray, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mackay Sim, of Sydney, Australia, while the bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. John Gray and Mrs. Gray, of Muswell Hill, London.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was attired in cream satin and was attended by Miss Deborah Mackay Sim, as bridesmaid. The latter wore a smart gown of brocade. The bride's mother wore a dress of black georgette, relieved with pink. Mr. D. F. C. Cleland was the best man, and the ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Swann.

Subsequently, a reception was held at Mr. Grayburn's residence, St. John's Place. The honeymoon is being spent at Baguio, the bride's going-away dress being of beige morocain.

DEATH OF CAPT. A. C. INGLIS.

PASSES AWAY AFTER OPERATION.

His many friends in Hongkong will be grieved to hear of the death of Captain Alexander Caird Inglis, master of the s.s. Seistan, which took place at the French Hospital at three o'clock this morning. Capt. Inglis had been for many years at sea, especially on the China Coast, having held a number of commands, including that of the s.s. Laureston. He was a native of Edinburgh and is survived by a widow and a 19-year-old son, both of whom are at home. He was also a cousin of Mr. George Hogg, formerly the Hongkong manager of the National City Bank of New York, and who is at present, manager of the Shanghai branch.

Capt. Inglis left his ship owing to illness about a month ago and had been in hospital for about ten days. He underwent an operation last Thursday and another was performed on Sunday.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at six o'clock.

CHARLTON JUMP TWO PLACES.

SECOND DIVISION RELEGATION.

London, Mar. 7.
In the Second Division of the English League to-day, Charlton Athletic defeated Barnsley at the Valley by three goals to one.

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YOUNG STUDENT'S
DEATH.

DASTARDLY MURDER
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TERRIBLE INJURIES.

A terrible story of the activities of a gang of kidnapers and murderers was unfolded by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg (Assistant Crown Solicitor) before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon when prosecuting a Chinese on the capital charge arising out of the death of Liu Shek-hong, a young man whose body was found in the Tai Wan Fort at Hunghom on February 10 last.

In presenting the facts of the case Mr. Hazlerigg said that there lived at 65, Winglok Street, a merchant of some substance by the name of Liu Wai-po, who carried on business under the firm name of Shiu On Tai. This merchant had a son, Liu Shek-hong, who was 25 years of age, married and had one child.

From 1926 onwards the son was a student at the Tai Ha School at Shanghai and he had intended to become a school teacher at the end of the present year. Disturbed by the trouble in Shanghai, the father came to Hongkong. The son arrived in the Colony at mid-day on February 2. It would be given in evidence that up to three o'clock the following day the son had not spoken to anybody other than members of his own and his wife's family and folks of the shop where he had made purchases.

He went out on the morning of February 3 and during his absence a man called at the shop and left his card on which he had written a message. The card bore the name of Cheung Tin and described the person as an officer to the adjutant in charge of the Ninth Division of the National Army. The message indicated that the man was staying at the Hotel Nuihan in Yau-mat and that he wanted to see the deceased on some important business.

Mysterious Letters.

Shortly after the deceased had left his father's shop, a friend called and enquired for him. Thinking that the friend might see the deceased first, the father gave him the card but himself took a copy of the message. At three o'clock the son returned to the shop and was given the extract which the father had made from the card.

After reading the message the son enquired where Nathan Road was, and left the shop. This was the last time he was seen alive by any of his relatives.

That night a knock was heard on the front door of 65, Winglok Street, and a voice called out "Receive letter." A foki opened the door and two letters were thrown in. The substance of one of the letters was that the writer knew the deceased, whom he had asked to lend some money but had been refused. Thereupon the writer begged the boy's father to lend him \$10,000. The father threatened the letter, was to give a reply by the following day (February 4) or the deceased would not return. The writer showed himself to be cognizant with the fact that the deceased had recently arrived from Shanghai.

The letter intimated that the gang was well disciplined and systematically organized. The father was not to report the matter to the Police or they would kill the deceased "life for life."

Son's Plea.

In the same envelope was a portion of a letter which had been cut down the centre and which was intended to be used by the person delivering the ransom as identification, the other half being retained by the other party.

The second envelope which was delivered that evening contained a letter from the son in which he told his father that he had fallen into the hands of pirates and that his life was in imminent danger. The son asked his father to send

the money, otherwise his life would not be preserved.

After receiving the two letters a family council was held, but owing to the threat contained in the letter, the Police, unfortunately, were not informed.

Nothing further happened until 3 o'clock the following day (February 4) when the father received a telephone message, the speaker using the Hakka dialect. So far as the father understood the speaker wanted to meet him at the 'Tai Sam Yuen Restaurant. The speaker mentioned that he would be alone on the ground floor of the restaurant.

Prisoner Appears.

Later the father wrote a letter to the person whose name appeared at the bottom of the demand for ransom, and indicated that the sum mentioned was too much, but that he would give "some hundreds" of dollars as tea money. This letter was given to a clansman who was asked to go to the Restaurant and there hand it to the man who had telephoned. The father-in-law of the deceased youth was also sent to the Tai Sam Yuen.

On arrival the two men found the defendant sitting by himself on the ground floor and propped against the wall was a letter addressed to Liu Wai-po (the deceased's father). The defendant was asked if he was the man who had telephoned, but he appeared not to understand. However, the defendant subsequently said that he was the man who had telephoned.

The defendant was handed the letter written by the father and he in turn gave the other two men a note from the writer of the original letter demanding the ransom. In this latter letter the writer said he was sending a Mr. Cheung Yuen-kong, apparently another name by which the defendant was known, to negotiate with them. The letter repeated the demand and warned the father that he might find repentance too late.

Further Interviews.

At the interview the letter was read by the defendant, who appeared to consider the amount both too small and too indefinite. The letter was taken back to the father and the sum altered to the definite offer of \$1,000. An appointment was then made for the defendant to visit the father's shop that same evening. At five o'clock the defendant went to the shop, where he was seen by the father and the clansman. The father-in-law, who was the only member of the family able to speak Hakka, was not present. The interview only lasted a quarter of an hour.

At that interview the defendant handed over a further letter in which the demand was reduced to \$5,000. A further interview took place at about seven o'clock the same evening. Again the father-in-law was not present and the interview was a very short one. The defendant produced another letter in which the amount was reduced to \$3,500. The defendant also produced a letter from the son, in which the writer said he was in the den of the pirates enduring great hardship, and if the money was not sent his life would not be preserved. At that interview a certain amount of bargaining took place.

Prisoner's Role.

A further appointment was made and at nine o'clock the evening the defendant again arrived at the shop. This time the father-in-law, the only Hakka-speaking member of the family, was present. In a further letter delivered by the defendant the writer agreed to reduce the sum to \$3,000. The letter indicated that the defendant was a reliable man to whom the ransom money could be paid.

Mr. Hazlerigg intimated that that showed that the defendant was not a mere messenger in the matter.

The defendant also handed over a letter from the son in which the kidnapped man asked that the bearer be given the money without fail. A certain amount of bargaining again took place and it was suggested that the sum be reduced to \$2,500. The defendant at first refused, but later agreed to that figure. As proof that he was authorized to collect the money

he produced the other half of the identification letter to which Mr. Hazlerigg had previously referred. Suggestions as to how the man was to be delivered were discussed. The father wanted to go to where his son was imprisoned, where he could pay the money and take his son home, but the defendant refused. The money was given to him, and they were to meet on the following day at the Causeway Bay tram terminus.

Prisoner Breaks Faith.

The appointment was kept by the relatives of the deceased, but they found nobody there. The following day the father received a telephone message from the man named Cheung (defendant) who asked for a further \$500. He was asked to go to the shop, but did not do so. Later, another telephone message was received and, when asked why the kidnapped man had not been released, the caller replied that there had been trouble among the gang and they wanted another \$500.

The father agreed to pay the extra money and asked the defendant to call. The defendant said that he could not but would give the father further information in a letter.

Nothing further happened until February 8, when the father received two further letters. The writer grumbled because \$2,500 and not \$3,000 had been paid and suggested that the father go to Canton to the Kim Tin Restaurant on the bund. He was instructed to put his card, bearing the name of his shop, on the notice board. The letter promised that the kidnapped man would be handed over at the same time as the \$500 was paid.

Youth Is Killed.

On receipt of the letters the father-in-law went to Canton as directed, but nothing happened. The truth of the matter was that by the time the letters were received the kidnapped man was dead and his body was seen in the Tai Wan fort. It seemed very clear that, just as before the defendant and his associates, if he had associates, had broken faith in the matter of delivering up the man for \$2,500, they were going to break faith again in the matter of the \$500; they did not intend to keep faith as they had already killed the son.

On February 8 two friends went for a picnic to the fort on the hillside and in one of the chambers they saw a man on the ground. They threw a packet of crackers into the chamber, but were surprised when the man did not move. They became frightened and ran away. No report was made to the Police, but two days later the Police were notified and a party went to the fort, where they found the body of the kidnapped man.

The deceased was lying on his back in one of the subterranean passages. All his outer garments were missing, the body wearing a singlet, a pair of shorts and socks. No outer garments were found, but his shoes were discovered in the ravine below the parapet of the fort, where they had apparently been thrown. Near the deceased was a candle partly burned. In a recess in a wall a knife was found.

Signs of Torture.

Around the neck of the deceased there was knotted, three times, a piece of cord. It was pulled so tightly that the skin underneath was like parchment and there was a cut in the throat extending from ear to ear. It was done so savagely that the ligaments were cut through to the spine.

There were two minor injuries of a significant nature. On the back of the ear was a burn of some considerable size. The position of the burn indicated that it had not been done accidentally and its nature was such that it appeared to have been made by a candle. It was too extensive to have been made by a match. On the abdomen was a 6½ inch wound. Radiating from the wound were a number of scratches varying from three quarters of an inch to half an inch in length.

His Worship would have it in evidence that those scratches could not have been caused by the blow which caused the punctured wound. They appeared to have been made

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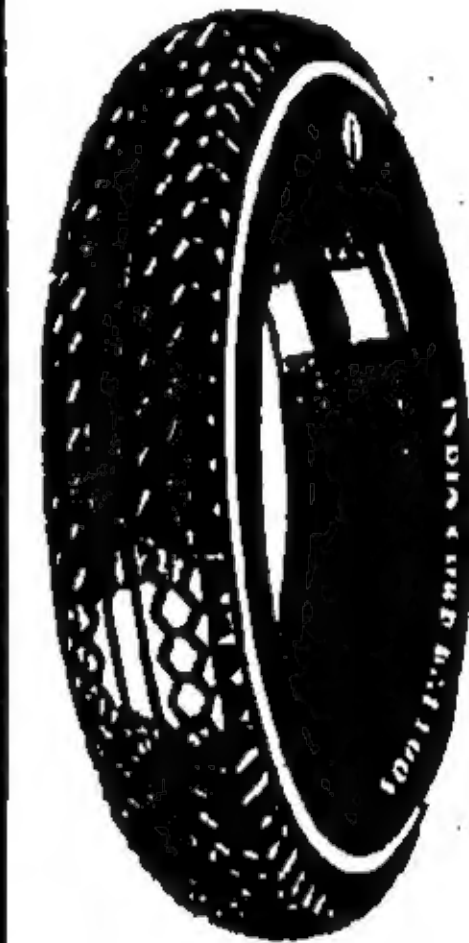
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BLEW—NOW GET THIS—WHEN THE
WHISTLE BLOWS YER THROUGH—
STOP!

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SAM TOOK
THE KICKOFF
AT THE START
OF THE SECOND
HALF AND—
LOOKIT HIM
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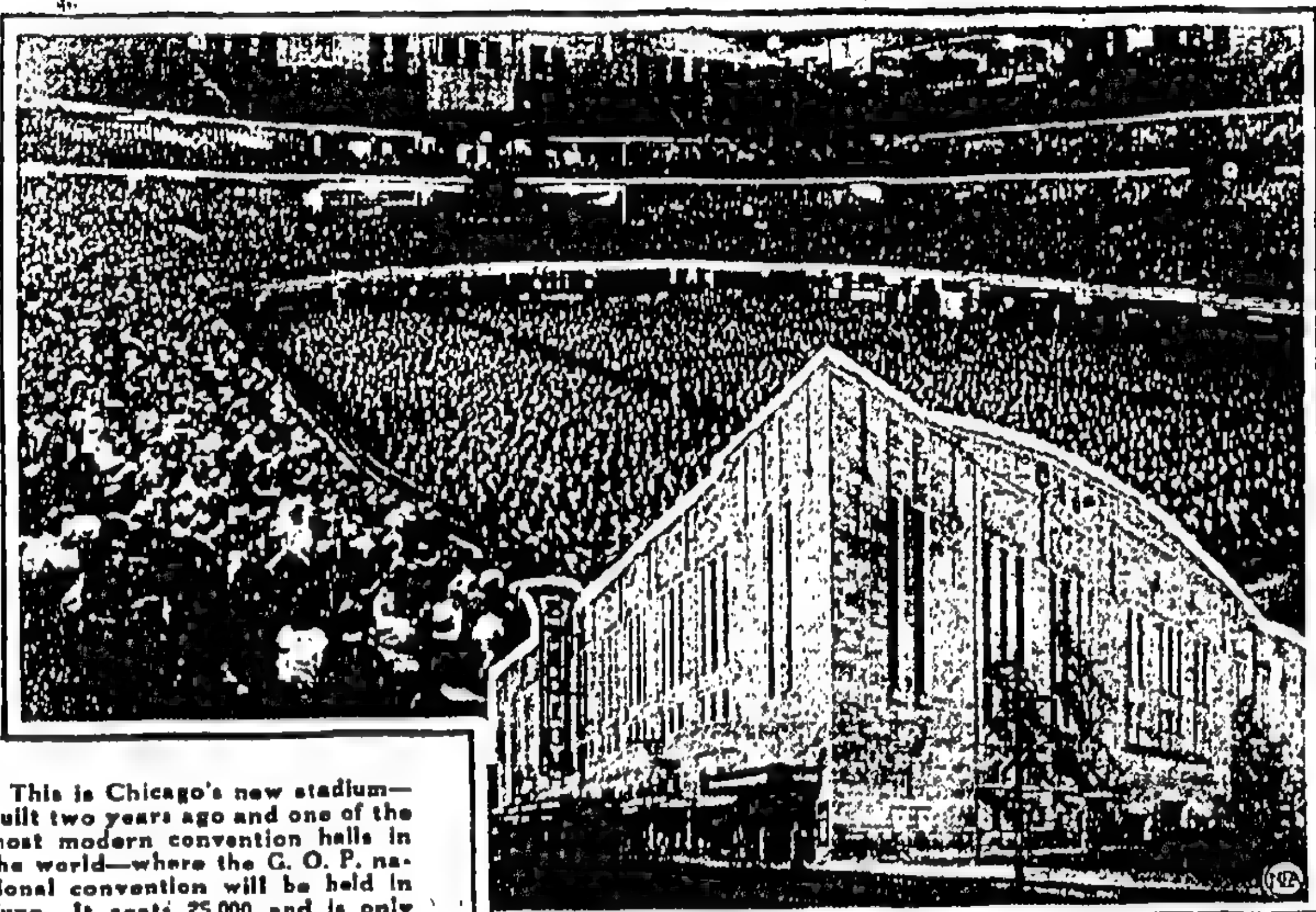
CLASS WILL TELL! NOT A
MAN BETWEEN ME AND
THE GOAL POSTS!

OH, WELL! I GOT UP
TO THE TWENTY
YARD LINE
ANYWAY!

AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: CHILDREN IN THE NEWS.



The 1932 American presidential campaign was formally launched when the Republican National Committee, meeting in Washington, chose Chicago as the convention city for the nomination of a presidential candidate and set the opening date for June 14. Shown above is the national committee in session and a closeup of Senator Foss, presiding.



This is Chicago's new stadium—built two years ago and one of the most modern convention halls in the world—where the C. O. P. national convention will be held in June. It seats 25,000 and is only seven minutes from the heart of Chicago.



Photo was taken on "Frederick the Great" night in Berlin, when the Steel Helmet organization staged a benefit show for the poor. Otto Gebühr, the German screen star, is shown costumed as Frederick and chatting with the ex-Crown Prince. At extreme left is Prince Elial Frederick of Prussia, second son of the former Kaiser.



Grown-ups don't have a monopoly on all the "professions," these days. Here's little Helen Umans, 2, of Boston, radio blues singer, crooning before the "mike," and—



this is Freddie Winter, Jr., 4, training to be a jockey and his famous papa, the English jockey and trainer. And along the same line—



Wendy Shipwright, 2, daughter of Captain Denis Shipwright, the English flyer, may be another Amy Johnson. Anyhow, she flies regularly with her father. And likewise—



just to prove that bathing beauties aren't all "great big girls," little Shirley Oakes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oakes of Niagara Falls, sports on Palm Beach's sands.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Ann, Cecily and Mary Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandpapa known as "Buster" and "Grand" have long since lost their wealth and the household is supported by Ann and Cecily's earnings. For this reason, Ann and Philip Fenwick, young lawyer, are still postponing their marriage, though they have been engaged a year.

Cecily, 22, is in love with Harry McKel, an engineer, but when he proposes she refuses to marry the wedding date because she must leave Ann with the financial responsibility of the home.

Mary Frances, 18, and still in school, strikes up an acquaintance with Earl DeArmour, who is engaged to her. She meets him secretly on several occasions.

Cecily tells Ann that Harry has proposed. Next morning he comes only to drive her to her office. Again he urges Cecily to marry him at once.

CHAPTER XXIV

"No," Cecily said, "I don't like 'em revised."

"Yes, but you don't like my flights of fancy anyway, do you?" Barry asked.

"Love 'em. Lap 'em up and lick my lips. But I got so embarrassed I have to go flippant. Would you rather I didn't use a lipstick?"

"Golly, no. Not if you like it. You know better than I do about feminine fixings, and it isn't my business, anyhow."

"Would you like it if I'd let my hair grow a little longer? These boyish bobs are clear out, you know."

"I would not," he said. "I'd be thinking about letting it grow. It curls up when it's longer."

"Great. Sort of a shame to hide those flat little ears—but you'd know best about that."

"I've always wanted to wear earrings, but my family doesn't like them."

"Will you let me get you a pair for a present? What sort would you like?"

"Do you like earrings?"

"Abominate them—at least I do on other girls. I suppose they'd be swell in your ears, if you liked them."

She put back her head and laughed. "Dear, you aren't precisely difficult, are you?"

"Not a bit difficult," he said. "But dumb. Very dumb. I came to meet you this morning—well, for every reason, of course; but chiefly to ask you a question. I haven't asked it yet." He paused, to sing softly. "I must be very weak, for I haven't asked it yet dressed in my best suit of clothes. These are my best, you know. These aren't my others. These are my Sunday. What was I talking about?"

"Nothing," said Cecily wickedly. "There you go. That's the trouble. You throw me off. The moment I look at you I get swacked

with joy—I'd no idea that being in love would be like this. But the minute I got away from you I got cold sober. And I can't even remember what happened. Now I know that last night I asked you to marry me. I have that down for certain. And I know that you wouldn't say when. But you did say you would, didn't you, sweet? It kept me awake all night. I could not remember what I'd said when I asked you, and I could not remember any time when you'd said, 'Yes.' Still, I reasoned that it must have happened in some sort of order, and that you couldn't have refused me, or I wouldn't have been too happy to use the bean at all."

She thought for a minute. "Barry, dear, you think that I'm right about my appearance and all that—you think that I know best. Won't you think that I know best about my—well, my inner self, too? Won't you wait for a while before we begin to talk about marrying—a month or so, at least? Won't you do that, dear, because that is what I wish?"

He thought longer than a minute, much longer, before he answered. "I don't like it, Cecily, and I don't understand. Am I being but on probation—something of that sort. It would be prudent, of course. But I've a taste for impulse and—well, call it courage where love is concerned."

"Dear," she protested, "so have I. So have I."

He shook his head. "I don't understand. It seems to me that either you love me enough to say that you'll marry me or that you don't love me at all but might like a playmate for a few months to fill in. Only—dear, you aren't like that. No, you aren't like that."

"No," she said, with a definite aloofness, "I am not like that."

He was instantly penitent. "I know you aren't. I said you weren't. But—what is it, Cecily? Do you keep a little complex, too?"

"Perhaps. Though I think it is only a feeling—a prejudice, maybe. I don't want to be engaged. I'm afraid of long engagements. I think they are uncivilized—corrosive. I want to love and be loved—freely. And then some day, when it is raining a little, I want to go and be married, with none of the rest worn off by waiting and waiting and planning and talking about it. When we are married" (she did not notice what she had said, and he pretended to be seriously involved with traffic worries, and stared straight in

front of him) "I want us both to be amazed that such a preposterously splendid thing could have happened to us. I don't want us to be just smugly satisfied because we've got what we have been plodding toward for so long. I'm afraid to be 'engaged.' I've seen Ann and Phil—she stopped. She began again. "And—No, I'm tired of talking."

He said, "The worst of it is, I like it," and dodged a charging taxicab.

She said, "If I'm?"

"For a rabid realist," he explained, "to fall in love with a full-fledged romanticist is, I suppose, merely the dealing of an ironical justice. But for the realist to like it has to denote what I've been fearing—thorough inebriation. I want to tell you about Aunt Isabel and her cleaning woman—a big, bouncing negress. Aunt Isabel's had her for years—she comes twice a week to clean house. A few weeks ago she formed the habit of going straight to the radio, as soon as she got her wraps off, and turning it on and keeping it going most of the day. Aunt Isabel is a grand sport, so she stood it for a couple of times or more; but last week she said, 'Sissy, don't you think you could work faster if you'd stop bothering about the radio?'

"Yes, ma'am, Sissy said, 'yes, ma'am, I could work faster—but I couldn't put near the heart into it.' Cecily laughed, as she was supposed to laugh, before she said, "But I don't see the connexion exactly—if at all."

"Of course you don't. There isn't any. I was changing the subject."

She pretended to accept it gratefully. "I know a nice one, too," she said, "about a little boy named James who ate all his Easter eggs."

But, when they had stopped in front of the building where her office was, and just before she got out of the car, she asked, "Is—Is everything all right then, Barry?"

"All right! There's an answer, classical, to that. You know it, don't you?"

She nodded, and with no more than a twinge of doubt she smiled and left him. At the door she turned, to nod and smile again; but he had driven along. He'd have to—she couldn't stay there, double parked, and block the traffic.

The aging lady who wore the black lace hat with the purple petunias beneath the brim was not to blame. Laurence Hope's poetry had been highly recommended to her by a stoutish person whom she held in esteem and called "Barry."

She had taken the red volume from the shelves of the public library, had dipped into it, had decided—for one reason or another—that it was not for her, had risen hurriedly from



Little Joseph Huggins, aged eight, who has been asleep for three months, suffering from sleeping sickness.

the chair, and had left the book lying where she had pushed it away from her on the table.

It was frightful mischance, merely, that caused Mary-Frances to find the thing there. Again, for one reason or another, but probably because it rhymed so tidily straight through—"mine, wine, heights, nights, desire, fire, rest, breast," like that—and undoubtedly because it was silly and did not make sense to her, Mary-Frances decided that it was for her and had it charged out on her library card.

She chose a night in May, when the starlight smelted of all the neighborhood's pink roses, and a small new moon swam, smiling, on its back in the sky, to recite to Earl DeArmour—No matter. It

is not worth quoting, and the child had not the faintest idea what she was talking about. Earl's response is the only thing of importance connected with that particular evening.

"Cripes!" said he, and, "Aw, gee, hon! Aw, gee—I don't know as you ought to rave like that. Frankie sure suits you for a name. Frank—see? And yet so pure and innocent and all. I ain't worthy to touch the soles of your feet—see? On the square I ain't. And yet, sometimes, you seem like a woman grown and other times like a little bittie," he paused, fastidiously desirous for pertinency of diction—"cutie baby girly, and I guess that's what's got me kind of going about you

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in charge, temporarily.
Chinese Maritime Customs.
Kowloon and District.
York Building,
Hongkong, 7th March, 1932.

HONG KONG CLUB NOTICE.

The Fourth Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1928 issue \$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, Payable on Friday, the 30th September, 1932, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Thursday, the 17th March, 1932. Bidders of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut. Col.,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1932.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 1st Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1932.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor), Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 15th March, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st January, 1931 to 31st December, 1931, and of electing an auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at Exchange Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday, the Eighteenth day of March, 1932, at 11.30 in the forenoon immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$10,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 Shares of \$10.00 each, of which the whole have been issued) be increased from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 (consisting of 1,500,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each) by the creation of 500,000 New Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each.

2. That in the first instance 200,000 of the said New Shares be offered at par (in the proportion of one New Share for every five Old Shares held by them respectively) to the persons who in the eighteenth day of March, 1932, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 1,000,000 Old Shares and so that on acceptance of such offer the full nominal amount due in respect of such 200,000 New Shares shall be payable on the 30th day of June, 1932, and that on acceptance of such offer and on payment in manner aforesaid such shares so taken up shall rank as from the 1st day of July, 1932, for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital, and that any of the said 200,000 New Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors shall think fit.

3. That such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit.

4. That the balance of 300,000 Shares constituting the Company's unissued Capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting will be continued for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

5. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—
“(a) By the insertion immediately after Article No. 126 of the existing Articles of Association of the two following new Articles to be known as Articles 126A and 126B.”

“126A. Each Director who is a registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company shall have the power to nominate any person approved for that purpose by a majority of the other Directors of the Company to act as an alternate Director, in his place, during his absence from the Colony of Hongkong or inability to act through illness as such Director, and at his discretion to remove such alternate Director, and on any such appointment being made, the alternate Director shall be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions existing with reference to the other Directors of the Company, and any alternate Director while acting in the place of an absent Director, shall exercise and discharge all the

AS WITNESS my hand this day of One thousand nine hundred and thirty

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.
Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.
By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong), on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1931, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on Saturday, 19th March, 1932, until Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SHIEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

duties and functions of the Director he represents, but shall look to such Director solely for his remuneration and shall not be entitled to claim remuneration from the Company. Provided always that it shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the power of appointment herein contained and the continuance of the appointment hereunder that the Director exercising the same shall be, at the time of making such appointment and shall continue to be so long as the said appointment continues, the registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company. Every appointment made in pursuance of this Article shall be in writing under the hand of the Director making the same.”

“126B. Any instrument appointing an alternate Director in pursuance of Article 126A of these Articles shall be as nearly as circumstances will admit in the following form or to the effect following:—

I, a Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in pursuance of the power in that behalf contained in Article 126A of the Articles of Association of the Company do hereby nominate and appoint

to act as alternate Director in my place during my absence from the Colony of Hongkong or my inability to act as a Director through illness (as the case may be) to exercise and discharge all my duties as a Director of the Company.

AS WITNESS my hand this day of One thousand nine hundred and thirty

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.
Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.
By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

HUGHES & HOUGH, LIMITED.

8, Des Voeux Road Central.
PUBLIC ROUP.

REMINDER.

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Roup,

(For Account of the Concerned),

on WEDNESDAY,

the 9th March, 1932,
at 5.15 p.m.,

AT THE PADDOCK

of the Hongkong Jockey,
Race Course,

Several Well Known

RACE PONIES.

HUGHES & HOUGH, LTD.,

Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

JARINE, MATHESON & CO., LIMITED.
General Managers.
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1932.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1932, at 12 Noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 23rd day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1932.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, at 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March 1932, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

“but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration.”
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 13th day of April 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the abovementioned Resolution.
Dated this second day of March 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & NOTICES ON PAGE 5.

TENNIS

We have just received a special opening shipment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's

Redfern's Rubber Works, Ltd.
Manchester, Eng.

Also—a selection of walking shoes for ladies in attractive summer styles (All Sizes).

Prices are most moderate.

Sole Agents for Hongkong & S. China—

MAMAK & CO.
Kowloon.

SHOES

SOMETHING

NEW!

We have just unpacked a shipment of the very latest Styles in Hats.



“GAGE” & “PARIS” SHAPES.

THE NUMBER IS LIMITED—SO—

COME EARLY.

MODE ELITE China Building.
Entrance Fook Weng.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Australia and Manila	Taipei	March 8.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kaying	March 9.
Straita	Mirapora	March 9.
Calcutta and Straits	Taipei	March 9.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 11th February	Corfu	March 9.
and Parcels, 4th February	Kashgar	March 10.
Straits	Carthage	March 11.
Japan and Shanghai		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 20th Feb.)	Pres. Jefferson	March 11.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	March 13.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	March 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Andre Lebon	March 16.
Saigon	General Metzinger	March 16.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	March 17.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 27th February)	Empress of Asia	March 17.
Straits	Hakone Maru	March 17.
Japan	Katori Maru	March 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 10th February)	Pres. Adams	March 19.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hanyang	Tues., Mar. 8, 8 p.m.
Bangkok	Hermes	Tues., Mar. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Samuel and Wuchow	Fook On	Tues., Mar. 8, 4 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	Tues., Mar. 8, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwaihang	Tues., Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
Amoy, Formosa and Swatow	Deli Maru	Thurs., Mar. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Japan and Canada	Ixion	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria, 5th April.)
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Corfu	Thurs., Mar. 10, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	Thurs., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhei and Halphong	King Yuan	Thurs., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Meneathaus	Thurs., Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hanching	Fri., Mar. 11, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Carthage	Sat., Mar. 12.
	K.P.O.	
Parcels		Mar. 11, 4.30 p.m.
Reg.		Mar. 12, 9 a.m.
Letters		Mar. 12, 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
Parcels		Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
Reg.		Mar. 12, 9.45 a.m.
Letters		Mar. 12, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, 8th April.)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Conte Rosso	Sat., Mar. 12.
	K.P.O.	
Reg.		Mar. 12, 3 p.m.
Letters		Mar. 12, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
Reg.		Mar. 12, 4.15 p.m.
Letters		Mar. 12, 5 p.m. (Due Brindisi, 3rd April.)
Bangkok via Swatow	Kingsau	Sun., Mar. 13, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Mar. 13, 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C.	Empress of Japan	Mon., Mar. 14.
	Parcels	Mar. 14, 9 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 14, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 14, 5 p.m. (Due Vancouver B.C., 2nd April.)

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Japan	Mon., Mar. 14.
	Reg.	Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 14, 6 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Andre Lebon	Tues., Mar. 15.
	K.P.O.	
Registration		1 p.m.
Letters		1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
Registration		1.45 p.m.
Letters		2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 15th April.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Mar. 15, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	Wed., Mar. 16.
	K.P.O.	
Registration		10th 9 a.m.
Letters		10th 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
Registration		10th 9.45 a.m.
Letters		10th 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, 14th April.)

Japan, Honolulu and South American Ports	Rakuyo Maru	Thurs., Mar. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Fri., Mar. 18, 9.30 a.m.
	*Superficial Correspondence only.	

PO LEUNG KUK.

The Chairman and Directors of the above Institution beg to acknowledge with the deepest sense of appreciation and gratitude the following generous subscriptions to the building fund of the new Po Leung Kuk at Leighton Hill Road:

Sir Robert Ho Tung in memory of his late mother \$	30,000
Mr. J. E. Joseph in memory of his late mother	30,000
Mrs. Lam Fook Chi in memory of her late husband	10,000
Lady Margaret Ho Tung in memory of her late mother	10,000
The Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	1,000
The Bank of Canton, Ltd.	1,000
The Sincere Co., Ltd.	1,000
Mr. Tam Woon Tong	1,000
Mr. Poon Hui Cho	1,000
Mr. Kwok Shu Lau	1,000
The Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., Ltd.	1,000
Messrs. Sang Lee Contractors	1,000
Mr. Chan Lam Pak	1,000
Mr. W. N. T. Thomas	1,000
Mrs. Kan Au Shu	1,000
The late Mr. Kan Long Shan	1,000
Mr. Chan Shu Ming	1,000
Mr. Lam Cheuk Ming	1,000
Mr. Ngan Shing Kwan	1,000
The Wing On Co., Ltd.	1,000
Mr. Tang Chi Ngong	1,000
The late Mr. Pang Ping Shan	1,000
Mr. Yan Tsi Yu	1,000
Mr. Sun Pak Ming	1,000
Mr. Fook Yik Pang	1,000
Mr. Leung Pak Ching	1,000
Mr. Chak Huk Ting	1,000
Mr. Au Shu Cho	1,000
Mr. Ho Yee Ching	1,000
Mr. Ma Ying Chan	1,000
The late Mr. Ho Chak Sang	1,000
Mr. S. S. Perry	1,000
Mr. Woo Hay Tong	1,000
Mr. Ho Tai Sang	1,000
Mr. Leung Yow Hong	1,000
Mr. Wong Yim Tong	1,000
Mr. Chan Tung Yu	1,000
Mr. Tang Shu Kin	1,000
Mr. Mak Sui Cho	1,000
Mr. Mok Kon Sang	1,000
Mr. Kwan Shu Ching	1,000
The late Mr. Chu Yu Tin	1,000
Messrs. Wai Yee Sang	1,000
Mr. M. K. Lo	1,000
Mr. Wong Nin Leung	1,000
Mr. Wong King Shui	1,000
Mr. Lu Tak Ching	1,000
Mr. Lau Ping Chan	1,000
Mr. Chan Kim Chai	1,000
Mr. Lam Kiu Mow	1,000
Mr. Yung Tai Ming	1,000
Comptroller Dept. Hongkong & Shanghai Bkg. Corp.	500
Mr. Chan Yee Wan	500
Mr. Chow Yu Tung	500
Mr. Leung Yow Sang	500
Mr. Ng Wah	500
Mr. Yu Cheuk Sang	500
Mr. Lam Yim Chuen	500
Mr. Look Poong Shan	500
Mr. Fung Heung Chuen	500
Mr. Chan Siu Hing	500
Mr. Tong Yat Chuen	500
Mr. Chan Kiu Tong	500
Mr. Wong Yu Han	500
Mr. Ng Yee Han	500
Mr. Lau Song Ching	500
Mr. Lo Cheung Shui	500
Mr. Lo Cheung Kuo	500
Mr. Yu Tan Cheung	500
Mr. Lam Siu Lai	500
Mr. Lam Ip Shi	500
The late Mr. Ip Lay Kung	500
Mr. Li Sing	500
Mr. Chan Kung Leung	500
Mr. Ho Wah Sang	500
Mr. Ng Yee Wan	500
Mr. Yu Yat Yu	500
Mr. Sun Chung Hung	500
Mr. Wong Yu Tung	500
Mr. Yu To Sang	500
Mr. Li Yuk Tong	500
Mr. Chan Yu Tin	500
The late Mr. Chan Chi Hang	500
Mr. Ma Tsui Chiu	500
Comptroller Dept. Jardine Matheson Co., Ltd.	500
Comptroller Dept. National City Bank of New York	500
Mr. Ma Chi Lung	500
Mr. Chan Pih Chuen	500
Mr. Choi Po Tin	500
Mr. Chu Pih Tung	500
Mr. Wong Hoi Kut	500
Mr. Ng Yu Tung	500
Mr. Li Yu Cheung	500
Mr. Wong Ping Suen	500
Mr. Kan Lu Cha	500
Mr. Ko Leung Wo	500
Mr. Li Po Kwai	500
Mr. To Sze Tuen	500
Mr. Li Chor Sen	500
Mr. Yik Mut	500
Mr. Chang Tong Ming	500
Mr. Kwok Chan	500
Mr. Chan Leung Ming	500
Mr. Li Hoi Tung	500
Messrs. Chiu Sap Ng Chak	500
Mrs. Wong Ho Shi	500
Mr. Li Yow Chuen	500
Mr. Chan Chung Hin	500
Mrs. Chu Chung Hin	500
Mr. Ng Yee Chuen	500
Mr. Hoi Hing	500
Mr. Lai Tai Kai	500
Mr. Ip Chung Kan	500
Mr. Wong Cheuk Hing	500
Mr. Ip King Fan	500
Mr. Chan Hing Wah	500
Mr. P. Gockelin	500
Mr. Kan Tat Choy	500
Mr. Li Ngai Chi	500
Mr. Tam Siu Hong	500

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th March, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday, 14th March, 1932, until Thursday, 24th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Office, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1931 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 10th March 1932 to 23rd March 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1932.

Mr. Chan Man Chung	500
Mr. Li Siu Chi	500
Mr. Chan Chung Son	500
Mr. Wong Kwai Ching	500
Mr. Kong Sui Ying	500
Mr. Ko Leung Ching	500
Mr. Lo Yuk Tong	500
Messrs. Hang Sun Contractors	500
Mr. Lai Yim Suen	500
Mr. Hong Shing	500
Mrs. Hong Shing	500
The late Mr. Chan Ping Yu	500
Mr. Li Sui Kuen	500
Mr. Kwok Yow Tung	500
Mr. Chung Yik Hing	500
Mr. Wong Man Ching	500
Mr. Chow Cheuk Fan	500
The late Mr. Mak Lai Ting	500
Mr. Ho Tsi Wan	500
Mr. Chan Tin Son	500
Mr. Lo Chung Wan	500
Mr. Lee Cheung Hing	500
Mr. H. Hong Shing	500
Mr. Yik Yiu Tung	500
Mr. Chan Wah Man	500
Mr. Poon Kan Nam	500
Mr. Tang Po Ki	500
Mr. Tso Wai Tung	500
Mr. Har Chung Chow	500
Mr. Chan Lai Fong	500
Mr. Chan Tai Kau	500
Mr. Tsoi Wai Hung	500
Mr. Chan Mong Hung	500
Mr. Li Kiu Cho	500
Messrs. Tin Hoi Tong	500
Mr. Ma Shui Chuen	500
Messrs. Kin Sang	500
The Sun Co., Ltd.	500
Mr. So Shau Nam	500
Mr. Lo Chuk Chai	500
Mr. Tse Yat Cho	500
The late Mr. Ho Chi Sang	500
Mr. A. E. Wood	500
Mr. Chu Tze Hing	500
Mr. Kwan Chung Fong	500
Messrs. Tung Wai Chi	500
Messrs. Chiu Sap Ng Chak	500
Mr. Wong Pak Yan	500
Mr. Doo Chak Man	500
Messrs. Suen Cheong Tai	500
Mr. Kwan Yik Chi	500
Mr. Chow Tung Sang	500
Mr. Poon Pih Luen	500
Mr. Wong Mow Lam	500
Mr. A. el Arcull	500
Messrs. Clark & Lu, Architects	2,350
Total	\$171,050.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

Advertising to the circular dated 27th January, 1932, a Meeting of Members will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley on Thursday, 10th March, 1932 at 5.15 p.m. to discuss next year's supply of Subscription Griffiths. All interested are invited to attend.

By order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 10th March, 1932, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 1st March, 1932, to Thursday, the 10th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELLE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1932.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

As from March 1st, 1932, my office will be situated on the 3rd floor, St. George's Building.

H. A. LAMBERT,
Share and General Broker.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$1415 n.	
Chartered Bank, \$13 1/2 n.	
Morantia, A. and B., \$19 1/2 n.	
East Asia, \$127 1/2 n.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$1350 n.	
Union Ins., \$430 n.	
China Underwriters, \$4.10 b.	
China Fires, \$590 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1250 n.	
Shipping.	
Douglases, \$26 1/2 b.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.	
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$32 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.	
Mining.	
Benguet, \$11.75 n.	
Kailans, \$2 1/2 n.	
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.	
Raub, \$39 n.	
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$152 1/2 b.	
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.	
South China Motors \$10 n.	
Providents (old), \$5 n.	
Hongkows, Tls. 220 n.	
New Engineers, Tls. 6 1/2 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90 1/2 n.	
Cottons.	
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 15 n.	
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80 1/2 n.	
Zoon Singa Tls. 11 1/2 n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H.K. Hotel (old) \$14.10 n.	
H. K. Hotels (new) \$14 n.	
H. K. Lands, \$75 1/2 n.	
Shai Lands, Tls. 30 n.	
Humphreys \$18.30 n.	
Renties, \$10.25 n.	
Public Utilities.	
Tramways, \$21 n.	
Park Tram, (old), \$15.00 n.	
Star Ferries, \$91 n.	
China Lights, \$21 n.	
H.K. Electric, \$74 1/2 n.	
Macao Electric, \$23 n.	
Telephones, \$42 n.	
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.	
Singapore Tractors, 3/- n.	
Industrials.	
Mahbous, \$30 n.	
Canton Leas, \$5 n.	
Cements (comb.) \$18.30 n.	
Ropes, \$15 n.	

LOCAL RUGBY.

THE SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT.

The five matches in the first round of the seven-a-side rugby tournament on behalf of Service charities will be decided on Wednesday next. The first match is fixed for 5 p.m. and the other games will follow it in order. The venue of all games is the Hongkong Football Club ground at Happy Valley.

Below is appended a list of the first round matches with times of kick-off:
5.00 p.m. Kowloon "A" v. H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships "B."
6.15 p.m. H.M.S. Hermes v. H.K. Football Club "B."
6.30 p.m. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank v. 4th Submarine Flotilla "B."
6.45 p.m. Kowloon "B" v. 4th Submarine Flotilla "A."
6.00 p.m. Hongkong Football Club "A" v. H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships "C."

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28.70 n.
Watsons, \$16.50 n.
Per A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lano Crawford, \$5 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.
Sinceres, \$10 n.
Powells, \$3.60 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$19.50 b.
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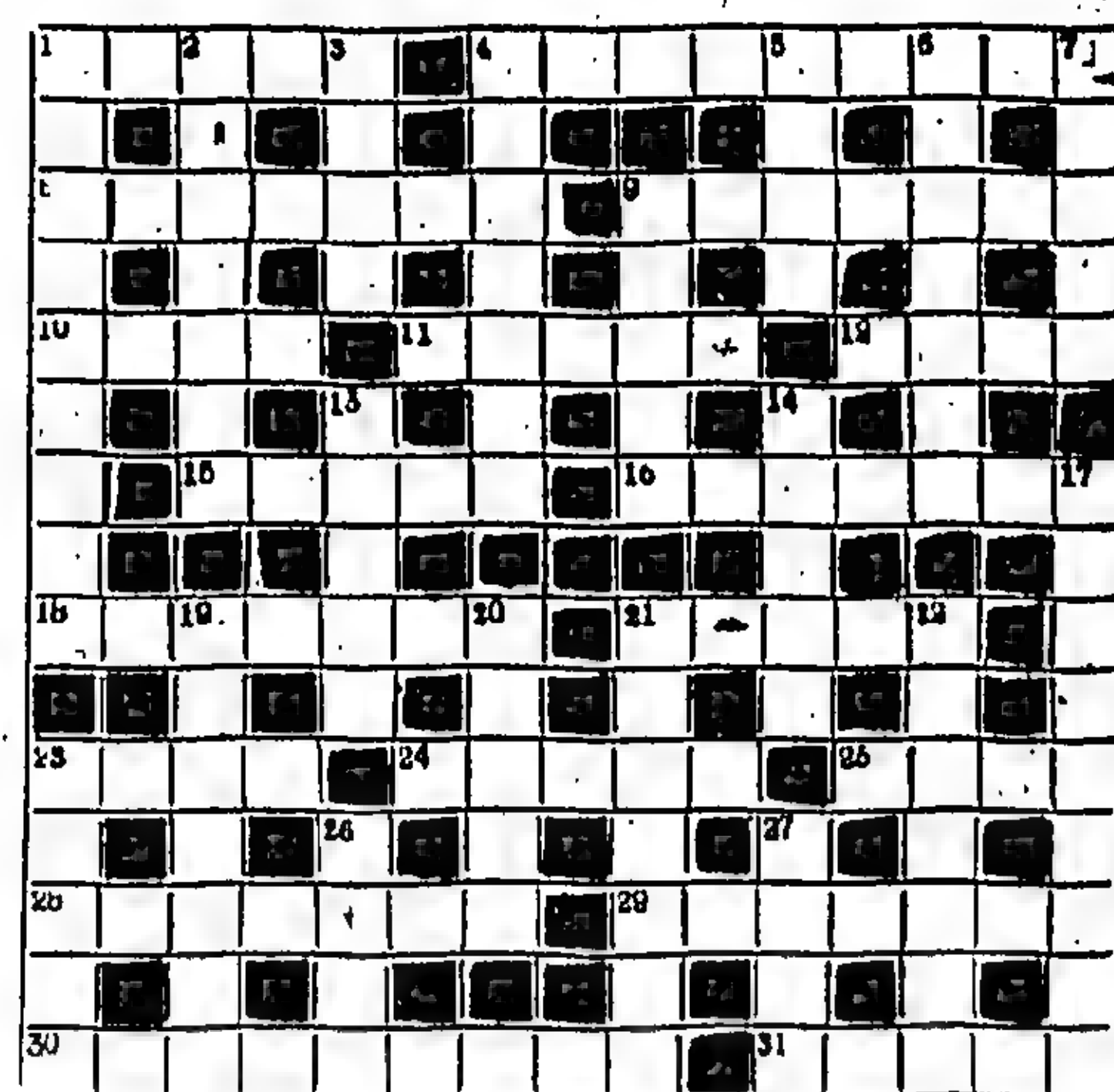
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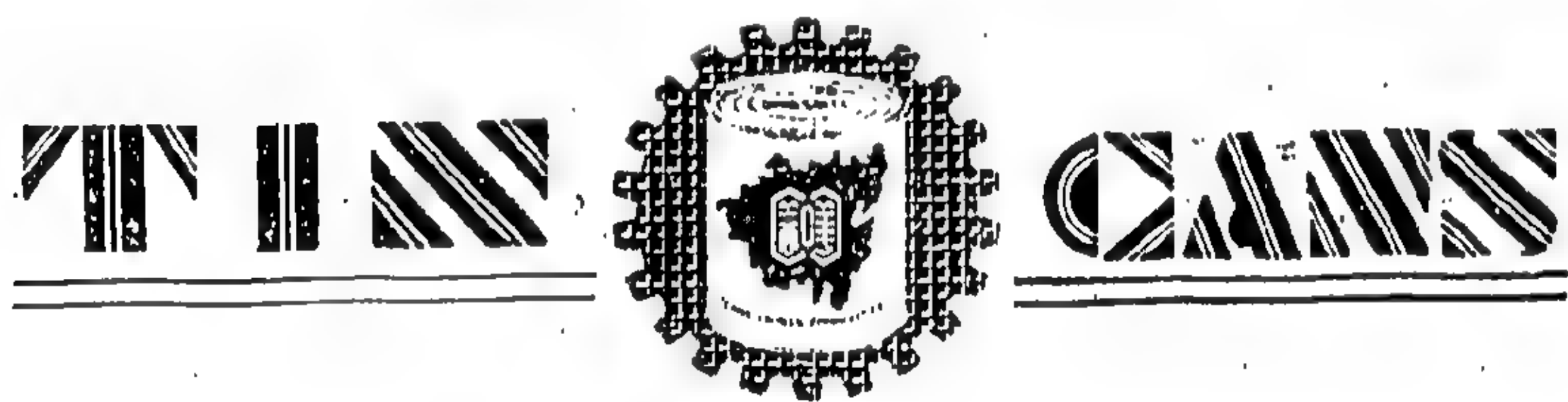
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 - Not fair.
 - A metal that seems to be in front.
 - Unbroken piece of water.
 - Cast-off hat.
 - Yes, the fleet is long.
 - Gains weight, and Epping known for whom it stands.
 - A fall that is again reversed before an artist.
 - Short.
 - The home of two famous birds.
 - Macbeth called it the death of each day's life.
 - A great War name.
 - A slice of the New World.
 - Epithet for a still.
 - U.S.A. State.
 - This might puzzle, however familiar you were with the ropes.
- Down
- One of those suburban spots where quite a large degree of bounce is indispensable.
 - Whose ranks could scarce forbear to cheer Horatius.
 - If I'm in the run, you're in the running.
 - A clown with nothing omitted becomes a naturalist.
 - It's a lot.
 - Confused chatter.
 - Not a water-nymph, that's evident.
 - "Wines" (anag.).
 - Oriental.
 - To which Jacques compares the schoolboy creeping unwillingly to school.
 - I got Varna (anag.).
 - Dam with a coin in it.
 - Where the best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft.
 - The straight course the apologist is in.
 - Saint, and a this a coin.
 - Quite easily burnt.
 - Henriette or Horan, perhaps, but much more familiar in Dundee to-day.
 - A flower when after a cow.
- Yesterday's Solution.
- CONVERSATION
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DEATH.

INGLIS At the French Hospital Causeway Bay at 3.30 a.m. 8th March after operation, Alexander C. Inglis. Funeral at 6 p.m. Tuesday, 8th March.

The Hongkong Telegraph

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1932.

M. BRIAND.

Not only France, but the whole world has been made the poorer by the death of M. Aristide Briand, who, elected to the Chamber of Deputies thirty years ago, gained such prominence that he served twenty-five times as Minister and eleven times as Premier. To the outside world, he will be especially remembered as the co-author with Mr. Kellogg of the plan to outlaw war, while his fecundity of ideas also displayed itself in his scheme for the formation of an economic and political United States of Europe. In the political life of his country, his parliamentary role was marked by one triumph after another, from the moment he entered the Chamber and sponsored the daring project separating the State from the Catholic Church until, during his last premiership, he proposed a United States of Europe. In 30 years his political evolution took him from the ranks of the militant Socialists to the moderate Republican benches and finally to a statesman without a party. It is to be recorded, also, that he was never defeated on a question of the rectitude of his foreign policy.

Perhaps the most remarkable trait in M. Briand was his intelligence. He was so apt to understand. He grasped a subject in its broad outline by intuition, by that sort of instinct based on knowledge of psychology. He had such subtlety and intellectual vivacity, such penetration, such knowledge of men and their actions, and such persuasive eloquence, that he gained an immense position for himself in European diplomacy. It was he who saw the necessity for strict unity amongst the Allies, and it was he who proposed the Paris Conference, which have done good despite the language bar, which renders difficult a free exchange of ideas. Briand in office consistently opposed the purely party system in politics. He looked above party to the country as a whole. That fact marked, amongst others, his capacity to rule over France, so long the prey of faction and conflicting groups. His large intelligence saw at once the difficulties and needs of the Great War. It saw that there must be, in his own words: "United action along a united front." Co-ordination, collaboration, concentration—these were his watchwords, valuable in peace time, doubly precious in war. "I have adapted myself to my surroundings," this is the true impulse in evolution and that was the underlying motif of M. Briand's career.

It explains everything. "Men may rise on stepping-stones of their dead selves to higher things." These familiar lines of "In Memoriam" were of course true in his case, too. Because he was a "man of realisations," a great gulf was fixed between his early role as champion of labour, when he arraigned the Government in bitter accents for repressing a strike of miners with sanguinary violence, and his later policies. Yet it was the logical denouement of its life-story. The defender of "the masses" became the defender of the whole people.

Such, in broad outline, was this figure of commanding importance in France, a silver-tongued orator, a man of deep intuition and penetrative intelligence, an enlightened statesman and yet an artist, a man of force and energy and yet emotional, a man of realisations and yet a poet, a real chief of the nation, notwithstanding his partisan temper of other days, and, finally, a man who, face to face with the colossal difficulties of the Great War, never forgot the identity and spiritual principle which were behind the victorious efforts of the Allied Armies in the field. He was a splendid example of the Celtic genius harnessed to the purpose of liberation.

LOCAL NUDISTS TO GATHER.

MEETING ARRANGED FOR THURSDAY.

The Hongkong Nudists are crystallising the local movement, a meeting of those in favour of the idea being convened for Thursday, 10th inst. at 6 p.m. in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

It is explained, in the notice convening the meeting, that the meeting is only for those who support the idea of a Mixed Nude Culture Society.

The founders state that they have received 45 written applications, all but two in favour of Mixed Nudism, and 25 verbal applications. The notice calling the meeting especially requests lady applicants to attend. At the meeting, Mr. H. E. Laneport will present a report, addresses will be given by founders and supporters, and other business includes the formal establishment of an Association, registration of members, election of officers and arrangements for a public meeting in support of the movement.

POPULAR RESIDENT LEAVING.

MR. R. K. HEPBURN SAILS ON SATURDAY.

By the departure from the Colony of Mr. R. K. Hepburn on Saturday next, Hongkong will lose one of its most popular bachelors. For the last six years, he has been in charge of the local office of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., during which time he has been prominently associated with cricket and golf activities. On numerous occasions he has captained the Hongkong Cricket Club's second eleven.

Mr. Hepburn leaves by the s.s. Carthage, having been appointed to another important district in the Near East, and he will carry with him well-wishes of a host of friends.

Mr. R. W. Gardiner succeeds Mr. Hepburn as local Manager, having taken over as from yesterday.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.
March 1933 6/7½ down 1½d.
May 1933 5/10 down 2d.
August 1933 6/1 down 1½d.
December 1933 6/4 down 1½d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ½d.-¾d. more.

New York Terminals.
March 1933 1.11 up 1 pt.
May 1933 -86 up 3 pt.
July 1933 -93 up 8 pt.
September 1933 -99 up 2 pt.
December 1933 1.04 up 2 pt.

In connexion with the recent piracy in British waters, reported from the Tai O Police Station, a boatman and a woman shopkeeper have been arrested, said to be in possession of part of the cargo which was stolen. It will be recalled that the boat was on its way from Un Long to Namta and whilst it was anchored pirates boarded the craft. The crew were subsequently put ashore at Nin Wan.

DAY BY DAY

THERE IS NO NATION TO-DAY THAT WOULD NOT CRUCIFY CHRIST, AND THIS ALTHOUGH, UNLIKE THE ANCIENT JEWS, THEY HAVE HAD TWO MILLENNIUMS WHEREIN TO LEARN TO UNDERSTAND HIM.—Israel Zangwill.

The Empress of Canada arrived at Vancouver on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. Bengloe, from Home ports via Singapore, is due here on the 11th instant.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jenkins were amongst the passengers who arrived here by the s.s. President Coolidge.

Mr. Hanabek, chief officer of the s.s. Bremerhaven, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries received through falling into the nullah near the Blind Home at Pokfulam.

Mr. D. O. de Silva, F.R.G.S., F.R.S.A., is to give a travelogue on "The Beauties of Japan" at the Union Church Hall, Kowloon, at 8.45 p.m. to-day. The talk will be illustrated with some 150 coloured lantern slides.

Following a breakdown in the service early yesterday morning, the Great Northern and Eastern Extension telegraph companies announced last evening that normal working with Shanghai and beyond had been re-established.

After evening on Sunday, members of St. Andrew's Church gathered in the Church Hall where a presentation, in the form of a silver and blackwood tray, was made to Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers by Rev. Walton Rogers, the Vicar. In making the presentation, Rev. Rogers said Mr. Carruthers had been Hon. Secretary of the Church Council for the past two years, a member of the Finance Committee, and had served regularly as a chairman. He was sure both Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers would be missed in many branches of the Church's activities and wished them bon voyage and God-speed. Mr. Carruthers suitably replied.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

Subdued and featureless was the state of the market at the opening session this morning, but there is no material change in rates.

Sales.
Union Insurance \$430.
Two Cottons Tls. 15.
Hongkong Tram \$21.
Star Ferries \$31.
Yau-mai Ferries \$30.
Hongkong Electric \$74½.
Cements (Combined) \$18.20/18.30.
Dairy Farms \$28½/28.70.

Buyers.
Douglases \$26½.
Wharves \$16½.
Providents (New) \$24.
Hongkong Realities \$9½.
Chinese Estates \$35.
Amusements \$19½.
Constructions (Old) \$5.20.
Constructions (New) \$13.
Govt. Loans \$34½ Premium.
Sellers.
Doeks \$29.
Shanghai Landa Tls. 27.
Humphreys \$18.30.
Hongkong Realities \$10¼.
China Lights (Old) \$21.
Malabar Sugars \$30.
Cements (Combined) \$18.30.
Watsons \$16½.

A COCKNEY
"CAVALCADE."

By IAN COLVIN.

IF Mr. H. G. Wells wants to write a sequel to be called War and Mr. Lewis, if Mr. Rudyard Kipling is looking for raw material, let him invest 10s. in "The London Cyclist Battalion." Or it might give Mr. Noel Coward another "Cavalcade."

They were clerks, stockbrokers, Chartered Accountants, solicitors—anything in the City—and you might see them in the "Eighties, the "Nineties, and the thirties, round about Bisleigh or Working at manoeuvres, in the leafy lanes of Surrey, on the Downs of Wiltshire, or the heaths of Dorset, in open or skirmishing order, or trooping with hands over handles, bent upon some cunning outflanking operation, or sweating and steaming round some ancient pub as they savoured the local beer.

I write, however, not of those piping times of peace, but of the Great War, and after, when they found themselves, no longer on their beloved "push-bikes," defending the devil-hunted, God-forsaken North-West Frontier of India. Experts they became in the war-tactics of the Mahatma—soft and slippery as their tongue and soft and slippery as their ways. They came to beware of cries for help on a lonely road. They came to expect when fired on from one side of a hill that the ambush was on the other, nor to be surprised if a large-sized coffin held a live man and the loaded rifles of its bearers.

They became experts also in heat-stroke and sand-fly fever and bear testimony to the fact that the country between Tank and Lukki (pronounced "Lucky") is the holiest in an average daily maximum of 150° in the shade (exceeded on at least one occasion by 160°). At midday, on one memorable day of June, 1917, "in various stages of delirium"—having marched and fought for thirty hours—some of them lay down in the Tank River, rifle equipment and all, "in the vague hope that the water (which they had been forbidden to drink) would percolate through their burning skin."

Those men who sank down upon the hot stones found afterwards that they had blisters "varying in size up to three inches in diameter."

We get some painfully vivid touches from this matter-of-fact narrative.

"The effect of alternately soaking boots in water and then kicking them on scorching boulders was to make the sodden toes curl up. This, and the shrinking of the puttees added to the tortures of the march. Many dropped and could move no further."

They went through in fact almost every particular kind of physical hell.

"The camel moves one leg at a time, and as a result the rolling movement imparted to these stretchers is most pronounced, the suffering of the patients being thereby enormously increased."

If the camels had not unloaded them already during the course of the march, an incident which frequently happened—many were found to be semi or wholly delirious.

They had their lighter moments, and especially appreciated the antics of a Barbary mule—"though

a female by birth was no lady by nature." "Ginger," because she "objected to camels," proceeded to unload herself of two boxes of hand-grenades, and then kick one of them to pieces: "When she elected to move it was found that a number of detonators had been pounded flush into the hard, rocky soil—yet not one had exploded."

The Battalion went into that country 800 strong; it came out with less than half—was, in fact, washed out by the bursting of a dam, which swept them out of their camp into a "deep wide ditch," and incidentally "provided one of the most humorous interludes of the campaign"—the C.O. in topee, boots, and an army blanket inspecting the survivors!

"Jaundiced and ague-stricken," the Battalion finally reached Julundur, there to be laid low with a virulent epidemic of influenza, which bowled them all over, "save the members of the Band, who acted as hospital orderlies." Then came Amritsar; the Battalion furnished the Guard of Honour to Lord Chelmsford, and afterwards: "The C.S.M. of the leading company (tried, in vain, to find four sober men for his front file for the march back to the train. He failed, and was worried thereby no more than was his Colonel, who marched proudly into the railway station at the head of a column whose tail had hardly left the Ridge, a mile away."

Home, however, was denied these poor devils. They were, in fact (although this history does not mention it), too useful and too loyal. Gandhi was stirring up the Revolution of April, 1919—and it is evident that these blighted Londoners did not share their Government's veneration for that "mixture of subtle hypocrisy and inordinate vanity." They had to grill in India for another Hot Weather while Mr. Montagu was stirring its people out of their "pathetic contentment." General Barrow has recently written a book to show that there was no conspiracy and no danger. The Londoners think differently.

"The moment seemed opportune. The Great War had been over for five months, and drafts from most of the white units had already been sent back to England. In addition the third Afghan War, though not commenced, was threatening, and it was known that all the physically fit troops would be required on the Frontier. Enlistment was sent from Delhi and the Punjab, early in April, to stir up the Afghan and Frontier tribes. In the towns of the Central Punjab the Hindus and a section of the Mohammedan mobs were temporarily allied under the banner of addition."

And so it happened that these London business men came under the command of Brigadier-General Dyer. They were with him at Amritsar, and so far from agreeing with his critics they admire his "brilliance and courage," believe that his action saved the country from anarchy, and call him "the saviour of India."

They were—by that time 200 strong—under General Dyer again in that famous march in relief of Thal. "Men who were hardly fit to stand a twenty-four hour guard" blatantly lied to the Medical Officer in order to serve in that post-war war. Those gallant Cockneys! Many of them fell out and were carried on the guns and limbers of the 89th Battery. Towards the end of that march one of their officers gave General Dyer a drink of water at which time "they could hardly speak, so swollen were their tongues and lips." Among the Londoners alone—or what was left of them—there were thirty cases of heat-stroke in one day; but they helped, nevertheless, to chase Nadir Khan back to Afghanistan.

Odyseus, certainly, travelled less, fought less, and suffered less than these plain business men of the City of London; but I spare their blushes, though I should like to hear their answer to one question—Do they ever wish themselves back at Tank?

The Bread Line.
By "Ephesian".

YOU MAY SEE them waiting for me every day at twenty-five minutes past nine in the morning and twenty-five minutes past one in the afternoon. Never a moment late; never an individual missing, unless a slight has broken out in the ranks of my breadline and somebody has retired for repairs. If I am more than a minute late before distributing the bread, ration the queue grows restless, expresses loud annoyance, stamps heavily, round and shrieks loudly at me.

The first frost which so hardens the ground that worms are harder



"I think I'll buy it for Annie's daughter. If she has outgrown dolls, I can keep it myself."

(Continued on Page 2.)

THE MARCO POLO TRAIL.

A MOTOR TREK ACROSS ASIA.

HAARDT PARTY'S ADVENTURES.

Several members of the Central Asiatic Motor Expedition arrived here yesterday afternoon, following the completion of its 7,500-mile journey across Asia from Beirut, on the Mediterranean coast of Syria, where it started last April.

The expedition was divided into two parties owing to the uncertainty of one big party completing the journey along the unknown route. One party, consisting of seven caterpillars and two ordinary cars, left Peking in April, expecting to meet the Beirut party at the ancient Chinese city of Kashgar in Eastern Turkestan, but eventually they met 250 miles to the east of Kashgar, at Aksu.

On Edge of Precipice.

The Beirut party had planned a route through Syria, Iraq, Mesopotamia, Afghanistan, Russian Turkestan and Chinese Turkestan, but political troubles in Afghanistan necessitated a change of route via the passes of the Himalayas and the Pamirs.

The expedition arrived at Srinagar (Kashmir), at the foot of the Himalayas, on June 20 and obtained the permission of the British Government to travel along the Gilgit road. It was intensely hot, the shade temperature being 120.

Altitude Record.

They were told on leaving Srinagar that it would probably be impossible for them to proceed more than 30 miles through the mountains, but they went 200 miles, and are believed to have beaten the motor altitude record in this trackless region. They reached a height of 13,775 feet.

Their route was an ancient caravan track winding along the edge of precipices and up and down the steep mountains. Heavy rains added to their troubles.

In the most difficult spots loads had to be transferred from the cars to ponies. In one pass which was traversed the snow was 42 feet deep, and at one period it took three days to cover 18 miles. Beyond Gilgit, 100 miles north of Srinagar, the route became so difficult and the intensity of the season adding to the risks, it became necessary for the cars to return to Beirut.

Caravan of 200 Animals.

Twelve members of the party, including the scientists and photographers, then formed a caravan of 200 animals, including ponies, camels and yaks, and travelled 1,000 miles to Aksu, in Eastern Turkestan, where they met the Peking detachment.

The expedition was then reformed and arrived at Urumchi, in the North of Turkestan, on October 28.

By the end of November the expedition was able to resume its journey and followed a route through the Chinese province of Sinkiang and across the Mongolian Desert.

Rebels' Active.

One member of the party remained at Hamni, the important trade route junction in Sinkiang, with supplies. He eventually escaped with three Chinese officers in motor-cars, and by traversing unknown country succeeded in rejoining the main expedition, whose supplies had been completely looted.

In order to avoid the rebels, who frequently fired on them, the expedition was compelled to divert its route to the north. On one occasion they were ambushed by bandits, but succeeded in driving them off with rifle fire. Intense cold was experienced, 29 degrees below zero being registered.

When the party arrived at the Yellow River they found that the mild season had set in and that the ice was not thick enough to allow the passage of the cars. They tried to get across of the Chinese ferries, but the ice proved too thick for the boats to break through and the expedition eventually followed the left bank of the river and reached Ninghsia.

Here it was found the depot had been raided and the spare caterpillar treaders stolen. The robbers offered to exchange the treaders for rifles and ammunition, but the merchants succeeded in repelling the old treaders and the journey was resumed.

They arrived at Kalgan within the Great Wall of China, and 120

ALLEGED SALE OF A BOY.

EIGHT ACCUSED IN COURT.

A respectfully-dressed man named Teo Kwok-sun, of Staunton Street, and his concubine appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning, together with two other men and four women, on charges of being concerned in a transaction for the sale of a small boy.

In detailing the facts of the case, Detective Sergeant D. Fitches said that on March 8, a number of children were brought down from Canton and kept in a hut in Kowloon City behind Kowloon Tong. The first defendant, who was the principal tenant of the hut, was well-known to the police as having been implicated in the sale of children before.

A decoy was sent to the hut and, through the second defendant, was introduced to the first. There the decoy met the other defendants with the exception of Teo Kwok-sun and the concubine, who subsequently entered into the case. It was arranged that the decoy return the following day with an uncle to purchase one of the boys.

The police "put up" an uncle who was sent to the hut the next day whilst a party of detectives followed immediately afterwards. Whilst inside, the decoy was offered one of the children for \$300. It was stated that another of the boys had been sold the previous day.

After the arrest of the first six defendants, the police were informed that one of the boys had been sold to a man in Staunton Street. On visiting the house, Teo Kwok-sun and his concubine were arrested. Whilst on the floor, a song tip was produced showing that the boy had been purchased for \$260, but only \$15 had been paid on account.

The officer remarked that it was a very bad case as it was not only the sale of one child but an attempt to sell others as well. The case was adjourned until Friday.

SILVER RATHER EASIER.

HONGKONG DOLLAR DOWN.

With easier conditions in the silver market, the Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th to-day, the demand rate being 1s. 4 1/2d. There is very little doing locally, but the tendency is distinctly easier.

In London, silver dropped 1/32, spot and 1/64 forward. America and China sold, but there was small business. After the official fixing, the market ruled steady, owing to absence of selling from America.

New York is unchanged, with the market steady.

The cross-rate continues to improve, having now reached 35 1/2 pips miles North-west of Peking, early this month.

The whole personnel of 31 arrived in Peking in excellent health, the only disease from which they had suffered being dysentery in the mountain regions. The impossibility of refilling the reserve water tanks in the coldest weather necessitated long non-stop runs. Sometimes they journeyed for 52 hours without a break.

Three Years of Preparation.

Sleep was often impossible, and the tents afforded no protection, making it necessary to undertake the long runs. Mr. Haardt states that as a result of the visit of the expedition the Governor of Chinese Turkestan intends to build a motor road on the track followed by the expedition, and is now importing motor-cars.

Three years were spent in organising and preparing the Citroen Asiatic expedition, and Mr. Haardt saw Mr. Henderson, who was then Foreign Secretary, in February last to explain his plans.

One section of the route of the expedition was along the line of the march of Alexander the Great to the Indus; another section was along the ancient trade route of China, over which her treasures were brought to Europe; in the Mongolian desert they were in the tracks of the explorations made by Sven Hedin and Young-husband on other parts of the journey they were on ground traversed by Marco Polo over 600 years ago.

The expedition, which is under the patronage of the French Government, proposes to return through Indo-China, Siam, Burma, India and Persia back to Beirut. Mr. Haardt is 46. In 1921 he crossed the Sahara desert, a distance of 2,000 miles in 22 days, in motor-cars. He made the journey a month later in 24 days. Two years later he crossed Central Africa by motor-car.

FAMILY DISPUTE OVER MONEY.

NEARLY \$90,000 INVOLVED.

A family dispute as to the division of a sum of \$89,000 odd resulted in an action which commenced before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in the Supreme Court this morning, the chief point being as to family partnership.

Plaintiffs named in the writ are Hung Yuk-sun, Hung Kung-cheong, and Hung Yu-fai alias Hung Shau-hing, while the defendant is Hung Hui-ching.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, together with Mr. L. A. M. D'Almeida, junior, instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo, of Messrs. Woo and Nash, is for plaintiffs, while defendant is represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K. C., instructed by Mr. F. H. Lowry, of Messrs. Russ and Company.

In opening his case, Mr. Sheldon referred to the beginning of the family business in 1894 or 1895, when Wing Hing, of Amoy, dealt in opium in Szechuen and Yunnan. He had no premises and carried his chop in his pocket, being a small dealer.

Counsel showed how the business expanded, the Kai Sui banking firm being started and branches being established in many places, the Kai Sui financing them.

Mr. Sheldon claimed that the whole business was a family concern, and that the brothers were entitled to their shares of the joint assets of the firms, including the Kai Sui, of which firm defendant claimed to be the sole proprietor, and therefore entitled to the full sum of \$89,000 odd due to that firm.

Counsel explained that two of the brothers had died and their eldest sons had stepped into their shoes according to Chinese law and custom.

The case is proceeding.

TROOPS POURING IN

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about 14,000 men, disembarked in this area. Converted transports, conveyed by warcraft, have been unloading soldiers and munitions at the new Zichengyang base near Liuhio for the past three days.

ANOTHER HINT.

Another hint of impending hostilities is contained in the withdrawal of the staff of the Shanghai South Station shortly before ten o'clock last night.

The staff left for Sungkian, some twenty miles from Shanghai on the Shanghai-Hangchow railway, taking the telephone and telegraph apparatus, which they dismantled, and all rolling stock.

LINE TORN UP.

Five hundred soldiers of an Independent Brigade of the Chinese Kai-shih 88th Division, stationed at Hsingcheng, having waited for the last train to pass, at once tore up a considerable section of the line.

The rumours of an impending Japanese landing at Nantao, where the South Station is situated, is still current without any evidence in confirmation.

PEACE BREAKDOWN.

Shanghai, however, is chiefly interested in the developments along the Kading-Liuhio front, where fighting seems inevitable. The Chinese forces are gathering strength, the complete failure of every attempt to secure agreed terms for an armistice, the blank refusal of the Chinese to submit to the more stiff of the Japanese demands, seem to foreshadow a resumption of hostilities on a big scale.

The fighting at Liuhio is still proceeding according to latest reports and in the event of a Chinese defeat, it is indicated that fresh troops will be rushed up to the Liuhio sector.

NANKING PLANS.

Shanghai, Mar. 8. Several divisions of the Nanking forces, under General Chiang Kai-shek, are being mobilised for the relief of the Nineteenth Route Army. Eight divisions are on their way to Shanghai while twelve divisions have received orders for mobilisation. The Nanking Government intends to mobilise 300,000 Infantry—Renha.

The American Consul General, Mr. Douglas Jenkins, who has been on leave of absence in the United States since September last, returned to Hongkong with Mrs. Jenkins on the S.S. President Coolidge and is to-day resuming charge of the American Consulate General from Consul John R. Putnam. Consul Putnam is returning to the United States on leave of absence this month.

Last week's health return shows six cases of small-pox (three deaths), five of diphtheria (three deaths), two of typhoid (one death), one fatal case each of scarlet fever and cerebro-spinal fever, and one non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever. There were also 59 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

£12,000 BAG OF JEWELS SNATCHED.

OWNER BLINDED BY TREACLE

London, Feb. 6. A treacle plaster was used by jewel thieves to blind a man while they robbed him of £12,000 worth of jewellery in Robert-street, Oxford-street, W., yesterday afternoon.

The attack was seen by dozens of shoppers, but no swiftly did the thieves carry out their raid that they escaped before an alarm could be raised.

The jewellery was the property of Messrs. Gerder and Co., of Holborn, E.C., and the victim of the attack was an employee, Mr. Leonard Tom, of West End-lane, N.W. Robert-street is a short thoroughfare running parallel with Oxford-street, from Davies-street to Duke-street.

Escape in Car.

The missing jewels include diamond bracelets, brooches, rings and pearls, and were in an attache case.

Mr. Tom was carrying his case, when a saloon car (which had been stolen from Camden Town) drew up at the kerb.

Two men alighted, a third remaining at the wheel.

One man lunged the treacle plaster in Mr. Tom's face and the other snatched the case from his hand.

As Mr. Tom staggered back the thieves sprang into their car and made off in the direction of Bond-street.

Flying Squad Search.

No other car was handy and the thieves were not chased. Passers-by ran to Mr. Tom's assistance and the police were called.

A description of the car and the jewels was circulated by the police and flying squad officers made a search, but up to a late hour there was no news of either.

THE BREAD LINE.

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than usual to persuade to pop up and be eaten indicates the arrival of a thin-legged, highly strung redbreast on the table opposite the window. It takes no notice he hops to the window-sill and threatens to put me on the spot.

"Ain't you never seen Christmas ends, you poor thug?" he demands in Chinookese bird language, and at once takes cover. If I put out crusts and crumbs on the table he waits in cowardly fashion for some other bird to take the first risk.

The most adventurous tit is always a dwarf with a yellow waistcoat and a single leg. His life is probably difficult at all times, and an extra risk means nothing to him. He arrives promptly, jears at the robin, and makes a large meal right under my eyes.

His example soon brings followers—larger tits with more legs and brighter yellow waistcoats. A bullfinch, superb with damson-coloured vest, dashes on them with the manners and, presumably, the vocabulary of a sergeant-major; they scatter before him, all except the one-legged tit.

Follow a set of blackbirds, mischievous males with glossy black feathers, rarer females with brown feathers, but an eye to the serious side of life. Our blackbirds seem to lead unsteady home lives; whenever two males are gathered together, a female is sure to appear and chase one or other of the others across the lawn and away from the bread.

A noisy scuffle in the almost leafless rambling-rose—the club and waiting-room of my bread-line—and a group of hedge-sparrows break up the dignity of the dainty table. They have low table-manners and no respect for anybody, least of all, comes a plaintive cry, for a self-respecting robin. But even they have to make way for a concerted invasion of tits, who squat up at them with fluttering wings and open beaks, and drive them back to the waiting-room.

The bullfinch returns with his domineering presence, but the one-legged tit, desperate and hungry, refuses to budge. The bullfinch drives at him, the one-legged tit saying, "It's cruel 'ard; strite it is!" waits to the last moment and flies over the advancing bully and begins eating again behind him.

The bullfinch suddenly panics and makes the one-legged tit nervous, and the robin, grown bold, hovers nervously on the table, almost daring to take a bite but never quite risking it. The female blackbird drives two lesser but anxious black males away from the table and is just going to alight on it, when a heavy flap of wings sends everybody rushing to shelter.

A brightly coloured jay has flown in from the woods across the road and balances on the fence. After a couple of minutes the jay has advanced a yard nearer to the table; then fear enters his heart and he disappears again into the sheltering fir. The bread-line re-forms and quickly finishes the remains of the meal that I spread for it.

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Mayfair Band. 20841. Song-Your Little Black Eyes (de Castro-de Falla).

Song-The Shepherdess (Duarte-Tabuyo).

Marguerite D'Alvarez (Mezzo-Soprano). 1139.

Piano Solo-To Spring (Grieg). Piano Solo-Waltz in G Flat Major (Chopin).

Myrtle C. Eaver. 22153. Song-For You Alone (O'Reilly-Geech).

Song-A Dream (Cory-Bartlett). Enrico Caruso (Tenor). 507.

Violin Solo-Alma de (Farwell to Thee) (Lillukalani-Kreiser).

Violin Solo-From the Land of the Sky-Blue Water (Cadman-Kreiser).

Fritz Kreider. 1116. Song-June Brought the Roses (Stanley-Openhaw).

Song-When You and I Were Seventeen (Kahn-Rosoff).

John McCormack (Tenor). 1080. Piano Solo-(a) A Deserted Farm (b) Of Br'er Rabbit (MacDowell).

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Myrtle C. Eaver. 22161.

5.49-6.25 p.m. Operatic.

Cavalleria Rusticana-Selection (Mascagni).

Creator's Band. 35816. Pearl Fishers-Selection (Blot arr. Creator).

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Victor Symphony Orchestra. 35915. 6.25-6.46 p.m. Hawaiian Music.

Lepe Ulala. Palolo-Hula.

Samo-Ku-Teat Harmony Boys. 21419. Hawaiian Moon.

Hano Hano Hawaii. Kane's Hawaiians. 20704.

Drowsy Waters. Hilo-Hawaiian March. Kane's Hawaiians. 20702.

6.46-7.00 p.m.

Trio in G Major (Haydn). Jacques Alfred Cortot (Pianist).

Thibaud (Violinist). Pablo Casals (Cellist). 3045-3046.

1st Movement-Andante.

2nd Movement-Poco adagio cantabile.

3rd Movement-Rondo all'opergarese (Presto).

7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.).

7.05-7.34 p.m. Variety.

Song-Kentucky Babe. Vaughn De Leath (Soprano). 20664.

Duet for Two Pianos-Dance of the Paper Dolls.

Duet for Two Pianos-Ragamuffin.

Victor Arden and Phil Ohman. 21929.

Chorus-Evening.

Chorus-Comin' Home.

The Revelers. 21807.

Instrumental-Fourth of July at a Country Fair.

Instrumental-Going to Ride that Midnight Train.

Garcia Yellow Hammer. 20549.

Ranjo Solo-The Doll Dance.

Eddie Penbody and His Banjo. 20608.

Chorus-Leave it There.

Chorus-Stand By Me.

Pace Jubilee Singers with Hatlie Parker. 21551.

7.34-8.00 p.m. Orchestral.

Over the Hills and Far Away (Grainier-Schmid).

Colonial Song (Grainier-Schmid).

Victor Symphony Orchestra. 30035.

L'Arlesienne (Bizet).

Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. 9112-9113.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

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10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-Day Press News.

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Copenhagen.....	13 1/2	13 1/2
Prague.....	118 1/2	119
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Mr. Justice J. H. Wood (President) occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the European Y. M. C. A. Tennis Club, held in the West Lounge last evening, when it was decided to again enter a team in the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. S. A. Gray) in presenting his report, stated that the year had been one of the most successful in the history of the Club. The team did extremely well in the League last summer, while its success had been reflected in the general activities of the Club. The Weill Cup handicap singles competition was won by G. C. Burnett (minus 16), who defeated S. A. Gray (minus 30) in the final. A successful American tournament was organized by Mr. J. Barnes.

Mr. J. J. Ferguson (Hon. Treasurer) submitted a statement of accounts which revealed the club to be sound in finances.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Justice J. H. Wood; Chairman of Committee, Mr. E. F. Selk; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Ferguson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. A. Gray; Committee, the officers with the addition of Messrs. J. Barnes, J. C. Greenham and G. Puncheon.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS.

FURTHER CHAMPIONSHIP TIES PLAYED.

Further progress was made yesterday in the annual tennis championships organized by the Hongkong C.C., four open ties being decided. In the Singles event both M. W. Lo and Ng Sze-cheung advanced into the fourth round, leaving A. L. Sullivan and D. B. Evans as the only players left in the third round.

As was expected M. W. Lo, a former champion, eliminated in Tak-lam without undue difficulty, although the winner did not have matters completely his own way. The former title holder will now meet Chiu Chun-chiu in the fourth round.

Ng Sze-cheung was not in his best form against D. M. MacDougall, who played very steady tennis and on many occasions had his opponent nicely beaten. The Chinese player will meet W. C. Hung in the next round.

The full results of yesterday's matches were as follows:

Open Singles.

M. W. Lo beat in Tak-lam, 6-3, 6-4.
Ng Sze-cheung beat D. M. MacDougall 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Open Doubles.

A. V. Remedios and L. A. Ribeiro beat C. F. Hyde and M. W. Turner 6-3, 7-5.

Lee Wai-toi and Lee Woon-toi beat Col. Wimberley and C. P. F. James 6-2, 6-4.

A. C. I. Bowker and W. M. Barton received a walk over from S. E. and D. S. Green.

Club Championship.

A. H. Harkins beat D. D. McKay 6-3, 6-0.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Doubles.

Lee Wai-toi and Luk Ding-cheung v Horace Lo and in Tak-cheuk.
G. A. Noronha and G. A. da Rocha v J. W. Leonard and J. A. E. Cassimboy.

L. T. Ride and A. L. Sullivan v R. W. Amery and J. Sloan.

Club Championship.

J. A. Lawson v C. E. Holmes.
G. W. Sewell v D. M. MacDougall.

Handicap Singles "A."

L. Forster v A. B. Raworth.

Handicap Doubles.

D. J. and R. K. Valentine v S. O. Hill and A. H. McBride.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. PLAYING THE CHAMPIONS.

In their league match against the Indian R.C. at Kowloon on Saturday the Kowloon Cricket Club will be represented by the following players: J. C. Lynn, P. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, W. C. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C. Burnett, P. S. W. Smith, A. Howe, J. Hunter and P. Midar.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH IN THE FIRST DIVISION.

The Police and Navy met yesterday on the R. N. ground within the racecourse, the result being a win for the Navy by three clear goals. The teams lined out as under:

Police.—McIlardy; Perkins and Brittain; Thorpe, Channing and Downman; Cornwall, Fraser, Moss, Shepherd and C. Pile.

Navy.—Clucas; Ward and Dixon; Gatehouse, Stephens and Robertson; Robinson, Redgate, Langmead, Lawson and Skinner. Referee: Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

The Navy were soon pressing and McIlardy did well to keep them out. He mistimed a centre from Robinson and Redgate running in headed the ball into the net, with McIlardy stretched full length on the ground.

The Police then took up the attack and Moss tested Clucas with a fast shot. The goalie pushed out, and Moss following up sent the ball over the bar. Cornwall and Fraser sent in shots which Clucas cleared with ease.

The Navy forced a corner, Robinson kicking behind. A corner to the Police was fruitless. Several corners then fell to the Navy, but the Police defence held out. Channing sent Shepherd forward, the latter going close to shoot wide; and Fraser tested Clucas with a weak shot.

Crossing over, the Navy took up the attack. Robinson dropped over from the wing, McIlardy sent the ball up against the bar, and Langmead running in broached the ball into the net.

The Navy were now playing a forcing game and the Police were on the defensive. McIlardy and Perkins collided in the goal area and a slight halt was called for Perkins to recover.

Langmead sent the ball out to Skinner, and the latter with a fast cross shot beat McIlardy, who got down to the ball but failed to stop it. The Police rallied, but found Dixon and Ward in good fettle. Several times the Police were stopped for offside play, which appeared to put them off their game. A fast cross shot by Cornwall was tipped over the bar by Clucas, but the flagkick was dropped on top of the net. The final whistle sounded with the Police losers by three goals to nil.

HOME RUGGER.

ENGLISH TEAM AGAINST SCOTLAND.

London, Mar. 7.

The following will be the English fifteen against Scotland at Twickenham in the Calcutta Cup on March 19: A. N. Other, Aarvold (Blackheath), Burland (Bristol), Gerrard (Bath), Tanner (Gloucester), Gadeney (Leicester), Elliott. (United Services), Longland (Northampton), Gregory (Bristol), Evans (United Services), Webb (Navy), Hobbs (Richmond), Vaughan-Jones (United Services), Black (Blackheath), Hodgeson (Northampton). The fullback position is indefinite.—*Reuter's Special Service.* (Gerrard, a former Hongkong boy, was capped for England against South Africa.)



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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Those who saw "Africa Speaks" at the Central Theatre will never forget the dramatic emotional conflict of the picture, or the breath-taking beauty of the Congo backgrounds. Added to these are the startling effects of the sound film for the first time and transmitted exactly to the screen.

In the half blackness of the theatre, one could close one's eyes for a moment and feel oneself in a little clearing in the deep African wastes. The roar of a hungry lion sends a shudder down the spine, the answering whimper of the monkey, all are there in their primitive terror.

When the story takes itself to the French Congo—the magnificent women—with their huge duck-billed lips, are unforgettable. These women, the result of numerous Arab raids that swept down after time to denude the villages of families, deliberately disfigure themselves to escape the lust of the desert marauders.

The dancing of the native women of the French Congo is another dynamic feature of this Columbia picture. Like their white counterparts of the Parisian pleasure palace, there is little about the rhythmic movements of the human body. One almost feels the intolerably oppressive atmosphere of the night, the tom-toms beating out their fierce, thrashing themes—and the black bodies twisting in the frenzied ritual of the ceremony.

Another background included the hunt of the pygmies. These little people, one of the most intensely moral in the jungle have customs and manners of solving ancient problems that would shock Western susceptibilities. If they weren't so plainly natural and innocent. Trial marriage, a much discussed topic of civilization, is an old system among the pygmies.

"Africa Speaks" will be shown in the Central Theatre for two days more only. The next change will be "All Quiet on the Western Front," the mightiest war picture ever been seen on the screen.

"Son of India."

"If you want to learn how to do strange and unusual things, go into motion pictures!" This is the advice of Ramon Novarro, star of "Son of India," which will open to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre. Novarro has had to acquire himself with a wide variety of activities during the course of his screen career.

"I had to become an expert swordsman in 'Saramouche,' and I used the art of fencing again in 'Devil May Care' he says. In 'The Pagan' I dived for pictures, of the year, and the technique of South Sea pearl divers. 'Daybreak' required me to learn the walk and the salutes of an Austrian army officer. I learned how to pilot an aeroplane for 'The Flying Fleet.' 'Devil May Care' required me to learn the technique of waiting on table, and of shining shoes. 'Ben Hur' course, made me a chariot driver. And if you think that is an easy stunt—try it some time.

"But I'll admit these things were fairly simple compared to the trick I had to learn for 'Son of India,' for in this picture I had to trap a tiger!" "Son of India" was adapted from F. Marion Crawford's novel, "Mr. Isaacs," by Ernest Vajda. The picture was produced by Jacques Feyder, who recently directed Novarro in "Daybreak." The supporting cast are Conrad Nagel, Marjorie Rambeau, Mitchell Lewis, John Miljan and Nigel de Brulier.

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

The heart of the human heart recently was recorded in Hollywood for talking pictures for the first time. The sound effect was secured by Rouben Mamoulian, Paramount director, for a scene in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," in which Fredric March plays the dual personality role and Miriam Hopkins and Rose Hobart have the leading feminine roles. This remarkable picture dramatization of Robert Louis Stevenson's weird story is the feature picture at the King's Theatre to-day.

To obtain the "boom, boom" of the heart-rump, the microphone was held over March's heart. The sensitive-ness of the instrument boosted the sound just that which one naturally hears while holding an ear over a heart to the quality attained by listening through a stethoscope.

The heart-beat was conceived by Mamoulian as one of his novel effects in the Stevenson story. In fact, of this, the director will obtain the sensation of one's own heart pounding in one's ears as he chronicles the experiences of Jekyll in transforming for the first time into Hyde.

"The Yellow Ticket."

Despite the insistence of many writers in comparing Ellsland Landi with other screen celebrities, the brilliant Fox star, who makes her latest appearance in the leading role of Raul Walsh's dramatic production, "The Yellow Ticket," opening next Friday at the King's Theatre, has a personality and an intriguing type of beauty that is all her own.

The glamour of Miss Landi is unique. She possesses charm and exotic grace as well as colour. She is vivid and dynamic and mysterious, and, notwithstanding the fact that her mother is a countess, she is one of the most democratic young women of the films. It was never Miss Landi's intention to become a stage or screen actress. She accepted her first stage role merely for the opportunity it gave her to gather material for a play she was writing at the time. Her histrionic ability, however, proved so real that she permitted herself to be persuaded into other and bigger roles. Later she came to the United States and while appearing in the Broadway production of "A Farewell To Arms" was offered a contract by Fox Films. Her first picture was "Body and Soul" opposite

RIOT AT PENANG.

CROWD ATTACK POLICE SAVAGELY.

Penang, Mar. 7.
A Chinese crowd stoned a police station here when the police stopped a Chinese firing in celebration of the Japanese Commander-in-Chief at Shanghai.

A police hand-to-hand battle with the police, who were assisted by firemen, ensued.

Two European Police Inspectors were injured, and eleven persons were removed to hospital. Fifty men were arrested, and order was finally restored.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

Charles Farrell, which she followed with "Always Goodbye" and "Wicked."

In "The Yellow Ticket," a powerful and romantic drama, filmed against a pre-war Russian background, Miss Landi portrays a young peasant girl, who, caught in the meshes of circumstance, becomes a social outcast the pitiful victim of the cruel persecution of the head of the Czar's 'Inquisition' secret police.

Lionel Barrymore enacts the role of the relentless and scheming police officer, and Laurence Olivier, a newcomer to the screen from the London and New York stage is also featured as an English journalist enamoured of Miss Landi. The remainder of the cast is made up of such luminaries as Walter Byron, Rita La Roy, Sarah Padden, Arnold Korff, Misha Auer and Boris Karloff. "The Yellow Ticket" was adapted for the screen from Michael Morton's stage play of the same name by Jules Furthman, who also collaborated on the dialogue with Guy Bolton.

"The Age for Love"

Howard Hughes, filmworld's leading producer, has never made a mediocre picture, and all of his films have been artistic triumphs and box-office cleaners. "The Age for Love," Mr. Hughes' latest production, which returns Billie Dove to the screen after more than a year's absence, will open at the Central Theatre very soon.

Like his previous presentations, "The Age for Love" is another smash-picture, and in the metropolitan centres where it has already played, has duplicated the success of Mr. Hughes' "Hell's Angels" and "The Front Page," with both critics and public.

Howard Hughes made his bow to the film industry with "Two Arabian Knights" and followed with "The Racket." Both of these films won awards from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as "best picture" of the year, and won similar honours in nation-wide polls of the country's leading movie critics. The young producer then made "Hell's Angels," which was the most lavish and spectacular motion picture of all time, and which established new records of popularity wherever movies are exhibited. More recently he produced movie audiences everywhere with "The Front Page."

And now comes "The Age for Love," a United Artists release, another bold and sophisticated treatment of a modern subject—love and marriage. This is a new departure for Howard Hughes, but as always, he rings the bell once again with superior treatment of a theme tackled with less competent and courageous producers.

"The Age for Love" was directed by Frank Lloyd, and is based on the popular novel by Ernest Pascal. Robert E. Sherwood, noted playwright and movie critic, composed the dialogue, and the cast, in addition to Miss Dove, includes Charles Starrett, Lois Wilson, Edward Everett Horton, Mary Duncan, Adrian Morris and Betty Ross Clarke.

"The Phantom of Paris."

That Gaston Leroux, the noted French mystery writer, has outdone himself in "The Phantom of Paris" is clearly evident in the film by that name starring John Gilbert and now playing at the Queen's Theatre. The picture is based on Leroux's novel, "Chéri-Bibi."

There is intrigue from start to finish, intrigue with now and startling turns. But it is intrigue with finesse. The background is colourful, chateaux of the French elite, gay ball rooms, a glittering theatre, a vast French prison.

The veteran director, John Robertson, evidently has been a stickler for detail. In the penal institution the setting is correct, even to the use of solid steel doors, so much in contrast to the barred doors of our institutions. This is where the magician Chéri-Bibi, played by John Gilbert, foils the police by using his tricks to extricate himself from prison.

"The Phantom of Paris" is not just a story of intrigue, though, for it is based on an all-powerful love, a love which has seemingly insurmountable obstacles placed in its way, and a love that overcomes and sweeps aside all in its path.

The magician, Chéri-Bibi falls deeply in love with a girl of great wealth. But that wealth has attracted a marquis of a decadent sort, who murders the girl's father and points the finger of suspicion on Bibi. The magician is arrested, but breaks his bonds and makes a bitter fight, which brings in some of the most startling scenes ever filmed in the battle to prove his innocence and win the girl of his heart.

The marquis dies before a confession can be wrung from him, and Bibi, by means of plastic surgery, has his face made over so that he can impersonate the dead man and learn the details that will free him in the eyes of the law. It is a fast-moving film with an end that is most surprising.

The well-rounded cast includes Lella Hyams, who is Gilbert's leading lady for the third time in a movie picture, Lewis Stone, Jean Harlow, C. Aubrey Smith, Natalie Moorhead, Ian Keith and Alfred Hickman.

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In presenting the annual report, Rev. Frank Short told of a highly successful year, and the statement of accounts showed that a larger sum than last year had been forwarded to the London office.

Rev. Mr. Short referred to the Bishop as the "Perpetual President," and declared that he had taken a very keen interest in the auxiliary's work and in the extension of its work among the churches. They would all miss him.

Increased collections were reported by Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Treasurer, in presenting the statement of accounts. Particularly, he said, had they been bigger in the Chinese churches. He moved the adoption of the report, and statement of accounts, which was seconded by Rev. Arthur Stewart, and carried unanimously.

Rev. Frank Short and Rev. G. K. Carpenter were elected honorary secretaries and Dr. Montgomery treasurer, while Mr. J. L. Macpherson and Rev. W. W. Rogers were elected Vice Presidents for the year. It was decided that last year's Committee be re-elected with power to add to their number.

An appreciation of the work done by the collectors was placed on record.

During the meeting, Dr. W. P. Merrill and Dr. Rufus M. Jones spoke.

INDIA'S BUDGET.

A SOUND FINANCIAL
POSITION CLAIMED.

New Delhi, Mar. 7.

A satisfactory budget position consequent upon heavy retrenchments and conservative revenue estimates, enabled the Finance Member in introducing his Budget in the Assembly to-day to say that no other country in the world was in a sounder intrinsic position, or had brighter prospects of an economic advance than India.

The estimates showed a deficit of £10,125,000 for the current year and a surplus of £1,637,000 next year, but the expenditure included provision for debt redemption of £10,500,000.

The reduction in receipts was mainly due to lower customs revenue, especially from sugar, silver, cotton piece goods and liquors.

Army retrenchments amounted to over £3,250,000.

Railway capital expenditure would be reduced next year to a little over £1,000,000 compared with seven times that amount three years ago.

There is to be no new borrowing, except to pay maturing loans.

The member defended the Government's policy of exporting gold and currency expansion, which had strengthened exchange and improved India's credit.

COMPANY REPORTS.

EWCO COTTON MILLS, LTD'S
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

The following statement of accounts issued by the Directors of the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., for the past year has been supplied by Messrs. Benjamin and Potts:

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The annual report of the Directors of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Ltd., for 1931, to be presented to the shareholders on Tuesday, the 15th inst., states: "The Directors beg to submit a statement of accounts for the year 1931 and a Balance Sheet of the Company as at 31st December, 1931. The trading profits for the year before deduction of ordinary interest, repairs, depreciation, etc., amount to \$160,653.07 which with the sum of \$50,000.00 transferred from the Equalization of Dividend Fund and \$196,015.93 from the Insurance and Underwriting Account, makes a total of \$406,669.00 which the Directors recommend be utilized as follows:

Repairs to Steamers and Wharves	\$139,927.23
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	12,500.00
Interest on Overdrafts	4,314.21
Special Depreciation of steamers, wharves and furniture	166,487.50
Ordinary Depreciation of steamers	58,360.00
Transfer to Special Repairs Fund	23,457.09
	\$406,036.93

leaving a balance of \$1,532.07 which with the amount brought forward from 1930 of \$41,517.77 gives a balance of \$43,050.84 in Profit and Loss Account to be carried forward to next account.

The suggested special appropriations will not only place the Company's steamers and wharves at a conservative figure but will also lighten considerably the heavy annual charge for depreciation.

The usual overhauls and repairs were effected during the year to Company's Fleet of steamers which are all in good running order.

Directors.

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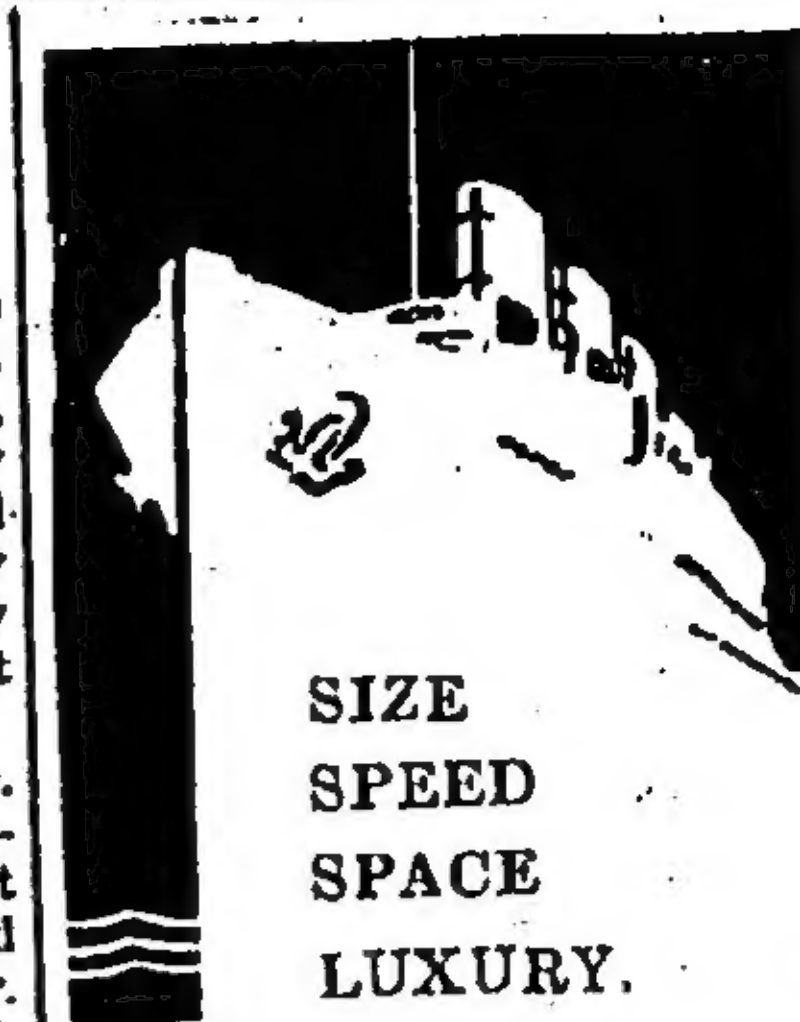
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MEETING OF LOCAL BIBLE UNION.

AN ADDRESS BY DR. H. L. CLIFT.

Following is the substance of an address which was delivered by Dr. H. L. Clift last night, at the second monthly meeting of the Bible Union of China, Hongkong Branch.

Dr. Clift said:—We Christians are presumably followers of Christ. If so, we regard Him as our infallible guide. It is, therefore, a matter of intense practical interest to us to know His thoughts on all the problems of our lives. If he could possibly fall us at one point, could we, dare we, trust Him wholly in another? We, members of the Bible Union of China, are one in heart with all those who believe our adorable Lord to be, "The only begotten son of God, begotten of His father, before all worlds, God of God"—believe also that, when He took our nature upon Him, He, limited as He necessarily was, was not limited in His knowledge of the Divine Truth.

The written word is the expression of the living word and His thoughts of it should be our thoughts.

"Think not," He says, (S. Matt. V. 17) "That I am come to destroy the Law or the Prophets: I come not to destroy but to fulfill. In truth, I say unto you, till Heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law till all be fulfilled."

Believing, wholly in the Old Testament Scriptures, He could say to the two perplexed disciples walking to Simeon, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the Prophets have spoken!" (S. Luke XXIV, 26).

Doubters not Wise Men.

He did not consider doubters to be the wise men they now consider themselves to be! And this was after His resurrection, and when He was not limited by our mortal flesh. And He said again, "These are my words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, now that all things must needs be fulfilled which are written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning me."

(S. Luke, XXIV, 44).

It is true that our Lord emphasized the true and more spiritual interpretation of the law; but it was still the same law. He honoured the Law and the Prophets every Sabbath Day by habitually attending a synagogue where these scriptures were read. (S. Luke, IV, 16).

In modern times we know that a certain learned writer on mathematics and the author of *Alice in Wonderland* are one and the same man. The subject and the styles of these books are vastly different. Yet, if a book in the Bible shows variations in style, or subject

matter, people jump to the conclusion that there must have been more than one writer!

There are several quotations, for instance, in the New Testament from the book of Isaiah; but all attribute the work to one writer.

Theory Danger.

Much of the muddle in men's minds to-day, in regard to Holy Scripture, is that they read books about the Bible and take their knowledge second-hand, instead of studying the text first-hand for themselves. Theories get bandied about and by constant repetition become generally accepted. We live in a day so full of varied interests and no time for one thing, and a temptation to superficial thinking.

Bible critics are, after all, fallible humans, naturally ignorant of many things, and subject to limitations. In the past they had constantly to shift their ground. It is unwise to be alarmed at their suppositions and take them as final.

The Book itself is its best witness. "The newer saveth the word." He knows nothing else and it is the word which has changed lives, converted drunkards, thieves, murderers, cannibals and outcasts.

"The word of the Truth of the Gospel is come unto you, even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing." (Col. 1, 5, 6).

Science and Religion.

There can be no real conflict between science and religion. Truth cannot deny truth. But always make sure it is genuine science, and not speculation, and real religion and not merely fancies.

So many are brought in the net of the Bible criticism who have no means of judging the situation aright and sifting facts from theories. Preachers think that if they can only declare some particular thinker's doubts, they will shine in the reflected glory of scholarship, and be considered smart and up-to-date; and they hope that their congregations will be thus drawn to modern religion.

Dangerous Home Movement.

This idea is animating the student movement in Britain. They are starting a Schoolboy Association in opposition to the Scripture Union and the "Crusaders." The promoters may mean well but this is a dangerous game. "It were well for him, if a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble." (S. Luke, XVII, 2).

As our Lord, (S. Luke, XVII, 2), with extreme solemnity; and it is a terrible responsibility to tamper with the faith of a young believer in the eternal verities.

An Indian Incident.

I met a Mohammedan lawyer in the train when in India recently.

YOUNG STUDENT'S DEATH.

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by some sharp instrument. Taken singly they might pass observation, but taken together they indicated that the man had been tortured. Torture seemed obvious, seeing that the deceased had written three letters to his father.

The contents of the stomach were analysed and found to contain 2½ grains opium, although it was difficult to say how much opium had been taken.

The defendant was arrested at Shaikwan on February 18. He was put up for identification and was immediately recognized by those members of the murdered man's family with whom the negotiations had been conducted. On his person at the time was found a pocket book in which he had written, on the leaves of the book, a letter to his mother informing her that he could not send her any money immediately but he hoped to do so before the end of the month. Apparently the letter was written when the defendant was without means.

In his pocket the defendant had two receipts for jewellery to the amount of about \$80 which he had purchased in Canton.

In making reference to the letters which were written to the father, Mr. Hinzlerig drew his Worship's attention to certain portions of each in which the writer threatened that unless the money were paid the kidnapped man would be killed.

After evidence was taken the hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

I got in at a country station on the North-West Frontier, where the Christians had come to wish me God Speed. This incident excited the interest of this passenger and made him anxious to know who I was. He looked unhappy and like a ship without an anchor in the storm. His father is a prominent Mohammedan propagandist, but he, the son, during the four years he was studying law in London, went on Sundays from Church to Church seeking truth—only to hear of man's doubts from the pulpit instead of Divine certainties. "I had, it seemed, more faith in Christ than the preachers themselves," he said, Catholic Conference.

Later on I was in Dublin and while there the Catholic Truth Society was having its meetings. From what I could see in the papers, no Roman Doctrine was discussed. The speakers only emphasised their unshaken faith in the fundamental truths of Christianity, attracting, as they intended, weary of the vague generalities and barren negotiations in their own Churches.

We live in momentous days when we have to stand fast. The whole keynote of the Bible is certainty. "The just shall live by his faith," and we Christians, who place our whole trust and confidence in the truth of God's Holy Word, know that we have the key that opens every lock—the interpretation of every spiritual and political problem.

Never has the world been experiencing such unprecedented disasters, such "wars and rumours of more wars," such, "distress of nations," and "men's hearts failing them for fear."

Bankrupt Statesmanship.

Statesmanship seems bankrupt, and treaties, leagues and con-

THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

(Continued from Page 3.)

—see? And you feeling like you just said about me, and all. It seems kind of mean to go off and leave you, specially since I got no prospects in sight elsewhere at present date."

The Stephen G. Sperry Players, after an unfortunate few weeks in the Hongkong Moving Picture Theatre, had been supplanted by the Crazy Crooning Coomers, and "unable to make other satisfactory contracts, were resting indefinitely."

But for three breathless Friday nights Mary-Frances had gone with Ermintrude and Mr. and Mrs. Hill—needless to mention the elder Hill's ignorance of plot, design, or motive—and had sat with pounding heart and parted lips and watched Earl moving about among people who were in the highest of high society. He was debonair. He was dauntless with ten-coloured delectations; he opened doors for ladies who were going to night and country clubs; he rang for butlers; he did and said, in fact—if clumsily—all the things that the Reggies and Geoffs and Ferdies always do and say in Mrs. Mayfair's morning room, or Captain Starkweather's library. Time the Present. And Mary-Frances had an obedient memory and an energetic imagination.

"Oh, Earl," she now protested. "I wouldn't come between you and your professional career—not for anything in the world. You'll just have to go. Duty calls you, and everything. But neither distance nor anything can part us, and we'll never, never forget; and, in time, we'll be reunited."

(To be Continued.)

IRISH ELECTIONS.

FINAL FIGURES OF THE POLLING.

London, Mar. 7.

Following the conclusion of the deferred Sligo-Lettrick election, the final figures of the Irish elections are:

Fianna Fail 72.
Government (including the Speaker) 58.
Independents 17.
Labour 7.

One seat is vacant owing to the death of the Government holder at East Cork.—*Reuter*.

ferences appear to be hopelessly discredited.

God had a controversy with a world which crucified His Son. When man has come to the end of his resources and turns to Him, God will interpose. The Prophet, Habakuk, again says, "I will stand upon my watch and will look forth to see what He will speak with me."

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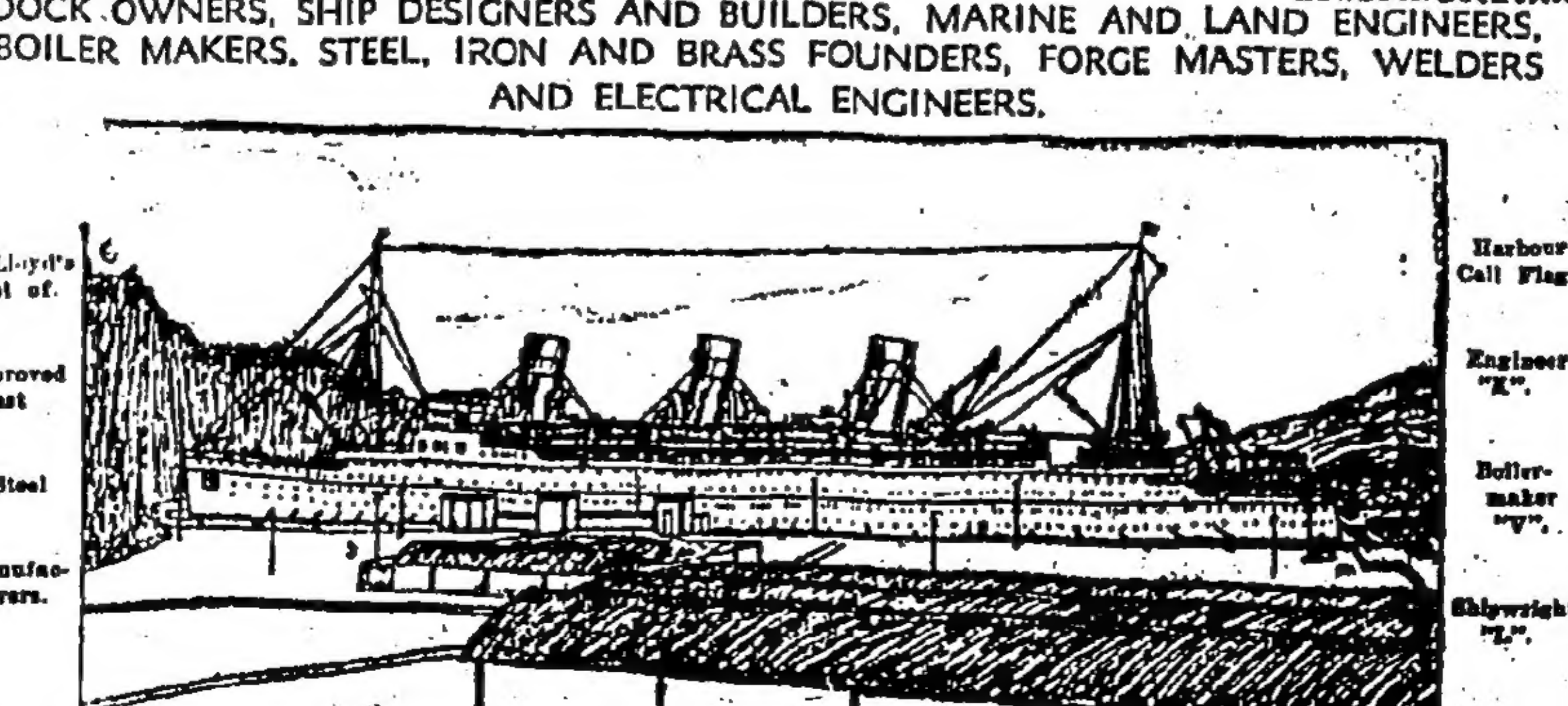
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**PUBLIC DEMAND
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SELLERS.

That there was a considerably
increased patronage for Chinese
newspapers consequent upon the
Shanghai trouble, resulting in a
number of people selling papers
without licence, was commented
upon by Mr. Wynne Jones at the
Central Police Court this morning
when a woman was charged with
the offence.

Sergeant Arnitt, officer in charge
of the Hawkers' Department, said
the matter had been reported to
the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and
one of the officers had engaged a
solicitor to discuss the question.
As yet no report had been made.

His Worship who remarked that
he was looking at the matter from
the point of view of the public,
said that in ordinary times the re-
stricted number of about 160
licensed sellers was sufficient, but
present times required twice that
number.

Inspector R. Shannon informed
his Worship that the Shanghai
trouble had resulted in everybody
who had a copper wanting to buy
a paper.

Sergeant Arnitt mentioned that
the European papers also had in-
creased circulation, but there had
not been any increase in the num-
ber of street vendors.

His Worship remarked that in
the case of the European press,
papers could be bought at certain
points, and it only meant that each
paper would now have twice the
number of papers, but with the
Chinese press the sellers had to be
doubled in number.

His Worship requested a caution
and asked to be informed of any
decisions which might be come to
by the authorities.

**BRITISH STOCK
ROOM.**

**NEW ISSUES HEAVILY
OVER-SUBSCRIBED.**

London, Mar. 7.
Applications for the issue of
£1,500,000 of five per cent. stock
by the Metropolitan District Rail-
way are stated to have amounted
to over £50,000,000. This is the
third big recent issue of stock
that has been heavily over-sub-
scribed.

The Croydon Corporation, which
has also made a new issue, asked
for £750,000 and was offered £15-
000,000.

The Nyasaland Government re-
quired £2,000,000 and applications
reached a total of about £60,000-
000.

These over-subscriptions are re-
garded as a demonstration of the
great change that has come over
the investment market during the
past few weeks.—British Wireless.

**GERMAN ENVOY
OUTRAGE.**

**FOREIGN PLOT
ALLEGED.**

**VICTIM QUICKLY
RECOVERING.**

Moscow, Mar. 7.
Herr von Twardowski, the
Counsellor of the German Em-
bassy, who was shot in the neck
and hand during the week-end, is
speedily recovering from his in-
juries.

The Soviet Government, who
have expressed their regrets to the
Berlin Foreign Office at the out-
rage, says that Herr von Twardow-
ski's assailant, a man named
Stern, belongs to a group of ter-
rorists, acting under the orders of
certain foreigners.

The Soviet Government allege
that Stern has confessed that the
motive of the crime was to bring
about strained relations between
Russia and Germany. Reuter.

**ARMED ROBBERY
PREVENTED.**

**BOGUS ELECTRICIAN
CAUGHT.**

The police from Shaan-
wan Station frustrated an armed rob-
bery on Thursday when they went
to 269, Main Street, and arrested a
man armed with a dagger.

Previously, information had re-
ached the officer in charge of the
district Station, Inspector Stinson,
who detailed a number of his sub-
ordinates to keep an eye on No.
269, where he had been warned an
armed robbery was contemplated.

At the hour expected, two men,
who represented that they were
electricians, arrived to look over
the lights. One turned back to
the door, where he stood apparently
keeping a watchful eye in case
of interruption, while the other
proceeded to make a considerable
lunge over what he pretended to
discover in the lighting arrange-
ments.

The police officers, deeming this
the right moment to intervene, ap-
peared from their places of con-
cealment, and in the twinkling of
an eye, the would-be electrician
found himself seized and searched.
His companion at the door eluded
the police and escaped.

A dagger and a screw driver,
found concealed about the arrest-
ed man, were viewed to have grave
possibilities. The man was
brought before Mr. Schofield at
the Central Police Court this morn-
ing, and charged with the posses-
sion of an offensive weapon, was
given a year's hard labour.

**OPIUM WORTH
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**ARRESTS FOLLOW
SEIZURE.**

An opium ring, dealing in exten-
sive transactions, is believed to have
been located by the revenue autho-
rities as a result of a visit to a
boarding house on the waterfront
yesterday. The raid resulted in the
arrest of four men, who are
now being held for various alleged
breaches of the Opium Ordinance.

The raid resulted from the dis-
covery, amongst cases of vegetable
oil shipped by a certain steamer,
of several tins of opium, the
amount seized being in the region
of 3,000 tins, valued at \$30,000.

The proceedings at the Central
Magistracy this morning, arising
from the seizure and from the ar-
rest of the four Chinese, were ad-
journing formally for a week, while
a date is being considered for the
hearing of the evidence.

Mr. R. R. Todd, Assistant
Superintendent of Imports and Ex-
ports, told the Court that he an-
ticipated a rather lengthy hearing,
having regard to dialect difficulties.
"They speak a funny dialect," he
explained.

The men, it would appear,
originated from the Chichow dis-
trict.

Mr. J. T. Prior, appearing for
the accused, was agreeable to a
remand.

Regarding bail, Mr. Todd thought
that would be out of the question,
as it could not be made less than
\$200,000, the amount of the fine
required by the Ordinance if a
conviction resulted.

M. BRIAND'S DEATH.

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which show a considerable de-
crease. Sir Austen Chamberlain
referred to the passing of M.
Briand, remarking that the cause
of peace needed new friends to
take the place of those who had
passed away. No man was better a
friend of that cause and no man
had served that cause more loyal-
ly, and we who survive him may
find the encouragement and the
stimulus to continue his effort by
following his example.

A Noble Place.

In an interview at Geneva, the
Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon,
said that few statesmen of our
times had won so noble a place in
the history of mankind as M.
Briand, active by his own country,
and by his wholehearted work for
the cause of peace and interna-
tional friendship. At this diffi-
cult moment in the League's his-
tory we can pay no better tribute
than by doing our utmost to
cherish the great institution, in
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devoted so much enthusiasm.—
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CHEATED BY DEATH!

But amazingly, he
found a way to re-
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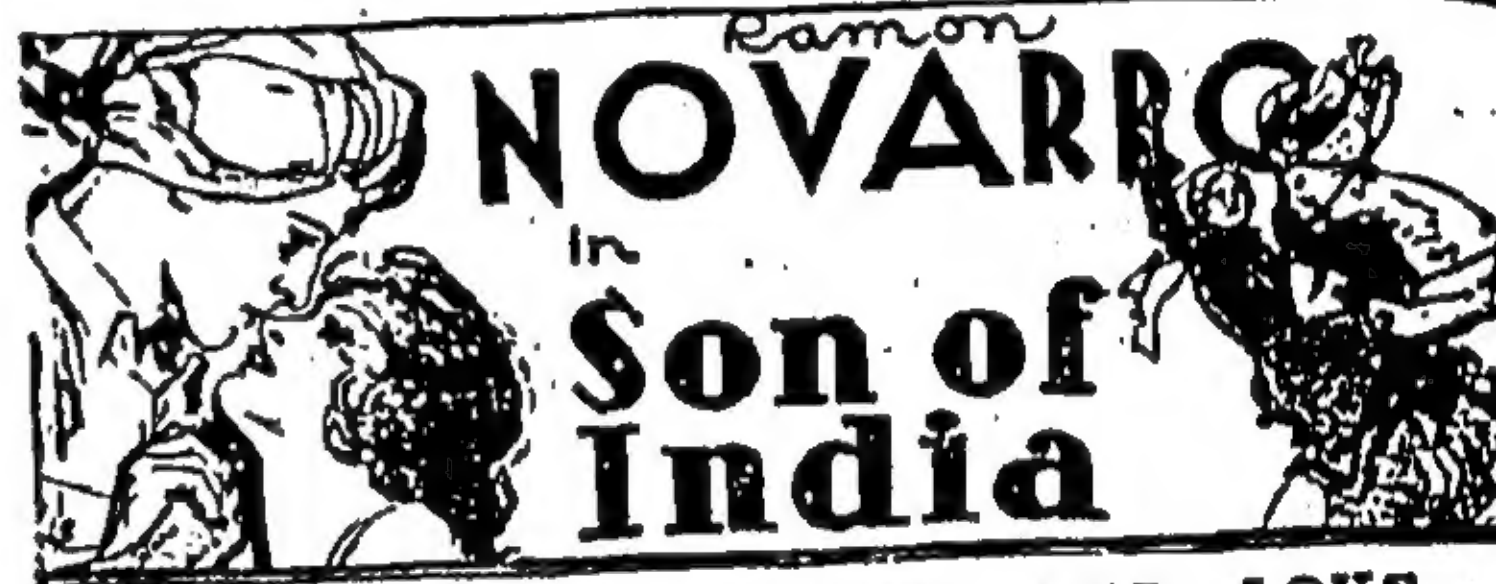


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